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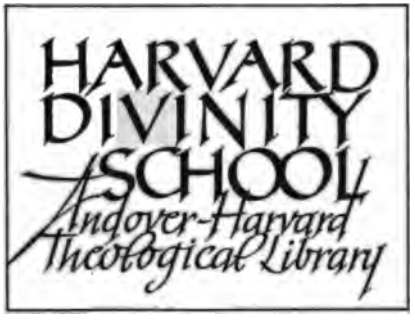
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MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN GORHAM,

JUNE, 1823.

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MINUTES.

GORHAM, JUNE 24, 1828.

THE General Conference of Maine met in this place, according to appointment, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The following were present as delegates, to represent the several County Conferences:

YORK. Rev. Jonathan Calef, Rev. Caleb F. Page, Rev. Stephen Merrill, Br. James Emery, Deac. Samuel Garland.

CUMBERLAND. Rev. William Allen, D. D. Rev. Enos Merrill, Rev. Noah Emerson, Deac. Jacob Mitchell, Br. William Ladd.

LINCOLN. Rev. Jacob C. Goss.

KENNEBEC. Rev. David Thurston, Rev. Thomas Adams,

HANCOCK. Rev. Nathaniel Wales, Rev. Stephen Thurston.

SOMERSET. Rev. George W. Fargo, Br. John Loring.

OXFORD. Rev. Lincoln Ripley, Rev. Carlton Hurd.

PENOBSCOT. Rev. Nathan W. Sheldon, Rev. Stephen A. Loper.

Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, Moderator.

There were also present, Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, minister of the place;

Rev. Benjamin B. Wisner, delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts;

Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, from the General Association of New-Hampshire; and

Rev. Horace S. Pratt, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, who took their seats.

Also, Rev. Absalom Peters, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, from New York; and Rev. M. Bruen, of New York, from the General Union for the better observance of the Lord's Day, were invited to sit, and take part in the deliberations of the meeting. A similar invitation was extended to other ordained ministers of the Gospel, who were present.

The Recording Secretary, Rev. Allen Greely, not having yet arrived, Rev. Thomas Adams was appointed Recording Secretary, pro tempore; and afterwards by vote, was continued for this meeting, Assistant Rec. Secretary. The meeting was opened by prayer, with reading the Scriptures and singing. In these exercises, Rev. Moderator led.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Pomeroy, D. Thurston and Johnson, be a Committee of arrangements for this meeting.

Voted, That Rev. T. Adams, Jenkins, and Wisner, be a committee of overtures. This Committee soon after reported in part, and the business proposed will be seen in the exercises performed in public this afternoon.

Voted to adjourn for one hour. Met according to adjournment.

The delegates, appointed by this body at our last meeting, to be our representatives at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia, reported, that they attended the General Assembly according

to their appointment, and received from them articles proposing conditions of union and correspondence between us and that body. The following was offered as the basis of the connexion :

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Conference of Maine, shall each appoint one or two delegates to attend these bodies respectively; and in case two are appointed, one may be a layman, for the purpose of communicating to each other, whatever may be mutually useful to the churches under their care, and conducive to Christian harmony and co-operation, and to the general interest of the Redeemer's kingdom.

2. These delegates shall have the privilege of proposing such measures as they may deem important or desirable, and of delivering their opinions on any questions under discussion; but shall have no vote in the decisions of the bodies respectively to which they shall be delegated.

3. It shall be deemed irregular for any Presbytery, Conference, or Association, within the bounds of the corresponding Churches, to receive any candidate for licensure, licentiate, or ordained minister, into connexion with either, without regular testimonials, and a regular dismission from the Presbytery, Conference or Association, from which the said Candidate, Licentiate or Minister may come.

4. Each of the Bodies forming these articles of correspondence, shall appoint a Committee for certifying the good standing of ministers travelling from the one to the other: the names of the persons composing these committees, respectively, shall be mutually communicated by the two bodies. And it shall not be considered as matter of offence, if a licentiate, or ordained minister, from either body, travelling without a certificate of regular standing from one or more members of said committee, shall not be received and treated as such.

5. It shall be understood that these articles of agreement and correspondence between the two bodies, may be, at any time, modified by mutual consent; or terminated, when either Body shall decide and announce, that they are no longer considered as answering the great purposes intended to be promoted by them, and that their termination is desired.

On the foregoing being read, the Conference were called upon to express their assent or dissent; and on being read again singly, the 1st and 2d were adopted without any

proposed alteration. After the reading of the 3d, doubts were suggested, whether that article could be adopted, consistently with the constitution of this body. That the subject might be matured,

Voted, That a Committee be appointed, to consider the 3d and subsequent articles, proposed as the basis of union, and report their views to this body during their present meeting.

Voted, That Moderator, D. Thurston, Jenkins, Wisner and Pratt, be the Committee for that purpose.

Voted, to adjourn to the meeting house, there to attend to the exercises as reported by the Committee of overtures; which were as follows:

After singing, prayer by Rev. Mr. Bruen.

Dissertation, *What are the means, which, according to scripture, will precede and introduce the Millennium?* by Rev. L. Ripley, of Oxford Conference

Rev. Thomas Adams, of Kennebec Conference, followed with a Dissertation upon the same subject. The coincidence of subject was previously unknown.

The resolutions in regard to the Sabbath, appended to the Rev. D. Thurston's dissertation, read last year, were called up anew; and on being recommitted, were reported in a condensed form, as follows:

Resolved, That the General Conference of Maine, approve of the measures recommended by the General Union formed at New York for the better observance of the Sabbath, and that they feel bound to aid this object with the whole of their influence.

Resolved, That this Body earnestly recommend to the churches and ministers in their connexion, especially to remember this subject in their prayers.

Rev. M. Bruen addressed the Conference on these Resolutions. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Peters, Rev. Mr. Scales, of New-Hampshire, and the Rev. Mr. Bouton. In these addresses it distinctly came to view, what is the

province to be occupied by Christians in their efforts upon this subject—that an appeal to the laws of the land was not the resort; that christians and ministers must go before the community by their own example and that of their families —and that from this source the most happy results might be expected. The discussions were closed with singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Jenkins.

After a short recess, met for a public lecture. Rev. Mr. Pratt preached from Proverbs xiv. 9: *Fools make a mock at sin.*

At the close of public worship, the Conference resumed business, when the following was offered:

Resolved, That this Conference view with much satisfaction, the exertions of the *American Tract Society* to promote the general circulation of religious Tracts, and that we deem it important that an auxiliary Tract Society be organized in every parish, and that we recommend to the County Conferences in this State, to take every practicable measure, to secure the formation of a Society in each parish, in their respective connexions, within the coming year.

In support of this Resolution, the Conference was addressed by Mr. Ornan Eastman, and Rev. Asa Rand, of Boston.

Voted, to appoint, as a committee of nomination, the following persons—Moderator, E. Merrill and N. Wales.

Voted, to adjourn to meet on Thursday morning, at 5 o'clock, for prayer.

Thursday morning, June 26.

Met according to appointment.

The prayers and addresses offered were of deep solemnity. The need of an *unction from above*, was expressed and felt. And the attainment of such a blessing was viewed as most desirable. It is believed that the Saviour was there by his presence and Spirit, and that the meeting was by no means in vain. The devotional exercises being closed, business was resumed.

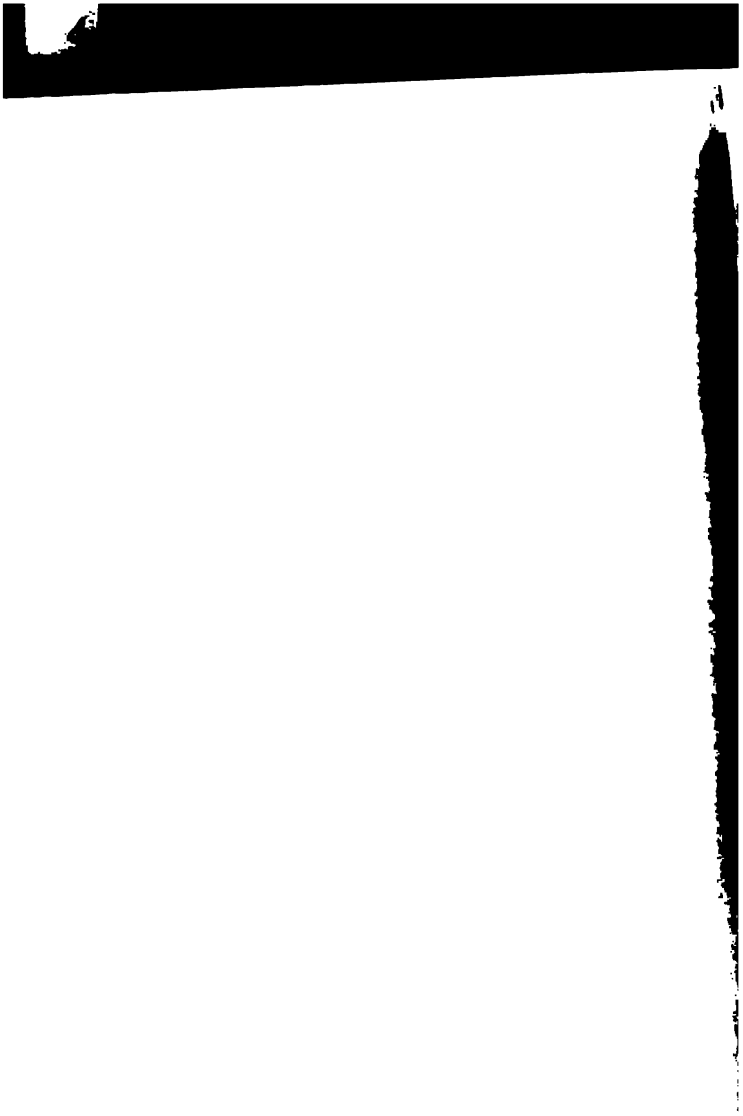
General Association of Connecticut.	Rev. Eliphalet Gillet, D. D. Rev. Swan L. Pomroy. *Substitutes.* Rev. David M. Mitchell, Rev. Enos Merrill.
General Association of Massachusetts.	Rev. Jotham Sewall, Rev. John W. Ellingwood. *Substitutes.* Rev. Jonathan Greenleaf, Rev. Thomas Adams.
General Association of N. Hampshire.	Rev. Noah Emerson, Rev. Carlton Hurd. *Substitutes.* Rev. Joseph P. Fessenden, Rev. Daniel D. Tappan.
General Convention of Vermont.	Rev. Fifield Holt. *Substitute.* Rev. Allen Greely.
Preachers for next Meeting.	Rev. Fifield Holt. *Substitute.* Rev. William Allen, D. D.

Voted to defray the expenses of printing the minutes of this meeting, and the Report on the state of Religion, from monies contributed at this meeting.

Voted, that the committee of publication, be Rec. Secretary, Cummings and Jenkins.

Voted that Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy be the Treasurer of this Body.

At 9 o'clock, the more public exercises of the Conference began in the meeting house. After singing, the introductory prayer was made by Rev. E. Merrill. A dissertation followed by Rev. Dr. Allen, *On the practical value of correct views in regard to a future state of retribution.* The corresponding Secretary exhibited a report on the state of religion within the limits of this Conference, and the State of Maine.—This was followed by reports from the delegates of



ing scene. It was the *parting* service, at which the children of God, from distant parts of our land, mingled their confessions, acknowledgments and praises; magnifying the grace of God for all that they had seen, and heard, and tasted of his love, power, and goodness; and anticipating the time, when they should renew their intercourse in a world of unclouded vision. The addresses at the communion table were affectionate and faithful; and in the prayers, as, indeed, in almost every supplication to heaven, the beloved church, who received the conference, were feelingly remembered. Their religious welfare was sought with an ardor of entreaty, which it is hoped subsequent events will prove to have been excited by the Spirit of God.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The organization of our State Conference is so recent, and attention to the statistics of our churches, is so unusual a thing among us, that it is with difficulty that facts can be obtained, out of which to compile a report, that shall exhibit a complete view, or indeed a tolerably accurate general view, of the state of the Congregational Churches in Maine. All that can be done, is, to give a succinct statement of such facts as are furnished, hoping that time and use will ere long supply all defects.

York. This is the oldest Conference in the State, if not the first in the world, fashioned after the existing model. A good measure of prosperity has attended its exertions. It comprises twenty churches, of which 16 have pastors, and 4 are destitute. The whole number of orthodox Congregational churches in the county is 24. Three of the four not connected with the Conference are without a pastor, making 7 in all, that do not enjoy the stated ministrations of the Gospel. At the last meeting of this Conference, 17 of the churches connected with it, contained a total of 999 mem-

bers. One hundred and eighty-three members had been added, 15 dismissed, and 3 excluded; and baptism administered to 192. During the year, six of these churches, and one not belonging to the Conference, had been favored with the special influences of the Holy Spirit; and, as the fruits of those gracious operations, have received from 13 to 54 each. There is now a powerful work of God in the town of Lebanon, which has already afforded, and promises still to afford, farther accessions to the church.

CUMBERLAND. The whole number of churches in this Conference is 31, of which 13 are destitute of a settled minister.—No. of members at the last meeting, 2404, of whom 373 had been received; and 92 had been removed by dismission and death, making the net increase 281. The churches most highly favored, at the time of the last annual meeting, are, the church in Westbrook, and the 2d and 3d in Portland. At present, the church in Otisfield, that in Brunswick, and the church in Freeport, are not without some indications of the special presence of God.

LINCOLN. There are 14 churches in this Conference, three without the ministry. At the last meeting these churches contained about 1000: excess of admissions over removals, 43. Baptisms, 80. Since that time the accessions have been very considerable, and the number of converts comparatively great. In Edgecomb, at the present time, there is considerable attention to religion: about 35 have obtained hopes, and others are anxious. In New Castle, a work of grace has commenced, and ten or twelve give evidence of a new heart. Many are inquiring.—In Waldoborough there has been a very general attention to religion; several have recently been added to the church. It is now some months since this place was visited with the effusions of God's Spirit. It has been a remarkably still work. More than 80 entertain a hope that they have been renewed, and

of most of these favorable hopes are entertained. The work is still in progress. In Thomaston also, is a powerful revival—the first fruits of which, to the amount of 50 persons, have been received into the Congregational church, and several more stand propounded. The churches in Wiscasset and Warren, which belong to this county, but are not connected with the Conference, have experienced a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. It is thought, that, in Wiscasset especially, the revival has been the most powerful and extensive ever known in the county. This section of the State has never before been blessed with so general an attention to religion, as has been witnessed since the commencement of the present year. Faith, hope, and expectation, are looking for still greater things.

Kennebec. Fifteen churches belong to this Conference, which, at their last meeting, contained 976 members. The additions for the preceding year were 31 : the removals 35. Instead of rejoicing over new converts, and congratulating each other on the enlargement of Zion, the brethren were called to lament over the diminution of their number. Their confessions and lamentations were not disregarded by the great Head of the Church. The Lord has begun to revisit this portion of his heritage in mercy. Farmington is sharing largely in spiritual blessings. In this place not less than 44 have recently professed a hope ; and, what is quite unusual, 28 of these are males.

Hancock. West of the Penobscot, in the county of Waldo, are 5 churches belonging to the Hancock Conference, containing 287 members : net increase for the year, 18. Only two of these, Belfast and Prospect, have pastors. On the eastern side of the Penobscot, returns have been received from 7 churches, containing 327 members. Three of these churches are destitute of pastors. Net increase, 21. Neither of these churches appears to have been

visited with the effusions of the Spirit, except that of Ellsworth, to which 27 have been added.

Washington. There has been no Conference formed in this county; but such a measure is in contemplation, and will probably be effected before many weeks. No particulars have been communicated respecting the state of religion in this frontier county. It is known generally that its religious prospects are brightening; and that two or three of the churches are about having the ministry permanently established among them.

Oxford. In this Conference are 17 churches, 6 of which are without the stated ministry. In these churches, at their last meeting, were 875 members, of whom 76 had been added the year previous. In Rumford is a powerful revival of religion; and in four other places, unusual attention. The good cause is evidently on the advance.

Somerset. Several churches in this Conference have enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In Monson and Industry, are pleasing indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the latter place, about 20 have recently obtained a hope in the pardoning mercy of God. Many more are inquiring. In this Conference are 447 church members: added during the year previous to last meeting, 37.

Penobscot. Ten churches are connected in this Conference; four of them feeble, and destitute of the stated ministry. They number 482 members, of whom 183 were added the last year. Revivals of religion are in progress in three places; as the fruits of which, about 250 already indulge a hope of salvation, and many are still in an anxious state.

The *Theological Seminary* at Bangor, is exerting a happy and increasing influence upon the surrounding region,

besides raising up pastors for our starving churches. The last winter it furnished pious instructers for more than 1000 children and youth; and a very considerable number of hopeful conversions took place under their labors. About 14 Sabbath Schools are now conducted by as many students, in the vicinity of Bangor, containing from 30 to 50 scholars each.

Among the objects of special attention and effort with churches in different parts of the State, is the *cause of Temperance.* Never has so much been attempted to diminish the use of distilled liquors, and never with such success. We dare not say in what ratio the use of strong drink has been diminished; but it is so great, that in view of it, we cannot forbear exclaiming, "It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes!" In this work hundreds and thousands have co-operated, who are not connected with the church.

Never too has so much been felt and done in regard to the duty of supplying with the Word of God, those families who are destitute of the precious treasure. In a majority of the Counties has the resolution been adopted to provide the supply; and measures are in operation, which, with the blessing of God, will realize the accomplishment of the holy purpose.

More has been done for the circulation of religious tracts, than in any former year. Sabbath school and Bible class instruction have also received increased attention, and been followed with auspicious results. And besides those charities and efforts, which contemplate the welfare of our own community, it is believed there has been no diminution of feeling and exertion for those, who are ignorant of a Savior in the ends of the earth, and afar off upon the sea.

A *Mariner's Church*, a costly and spacious edifice, is now rising in our principal seaport, at which the means for ssi-

entific and religious instruction, will be provided for that interesting and important class of citizens, who go down to the sea in ships, and do business on the great waters.

The defective returns from our churches exhibit a little less than 8000 members; and the additions for the year, not far from 900. On the supposition that *four fifths* of the communicants in the Congregational churches of Maine are connected with the different County Conferences, which is probably very near the fact, our churches contain but about 10,000 members. And "what are these among so many?" What are 10,000, among a population of 300,000 or 400,000? A little band indeed—in the proportion of 1 to 30 or 40! Suppose other denominations, who hold the Head, to number collectively twice as many as ours, the proportion of professors of religion, to the whole population, will be about as 1 to 10 or 13. Or if we double the number, they are still as a *grain of mustard seed—a little leaven*, which needs to possess powerful and active virtue, in order to leaven the whole mass.

The smallness of our number, as well as our poverty and dispersed condition, will charitably account to our brethren in other portions of the country, for the little which we have accomplished in helping forward the benevolent operations of the day. We cannot if we would, raise our $100,000 on a pressing emergency. We are obliged from the necessity of our circumstances, to act on a humble scale. But our very poverty and weakness, furnish in themselves the strongest possible motive to exertion. They show the necessity of putting forth our utmost efforts, that the "little one may become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation."—Means are in operation, which, with God's blessing, will produce this result. According to the returns which have been received, our churches, during the year, have gained more than *one tenth*; and the converting grace of God has pre-

pared others to come within her pale, whom she will shortly welcome to her bosom and privileges, in such numbers, as to render that gain equal to at least *one sixth* of their whole number. If these smiles of the Great Head of the Church, on the prayers and exertions of his children, should be continued, the amazing disproportion between the church and the world will be annihilated. Our city will not sit solitary, but be full of people. Our Conference system is admirably adapted to promote "a consummation so devoutly to be wished." Let its spirit never degenerate, or its object be perverted. Let us promote it with continually growing zeal. Let us be provoked to emulation by our brethren in sister States, who, though later than us in adopting the Conference system, have equal cause to thank God for its success, and are laboring, perhaps more abundantly, in this profitable and delightful way of doing good. Let us strengthen ourselves in the Lord, and work; and thus escape the application, in reference to the Conference system, of the words, There are last which shall be first; and there are first which shall be last.

The Delegation from the General Association of New-Hampshire, brought glad tidings from that portion of the Lord's heritage. During the year previous to the last meeting of the Association, more than 40 towns had been visited with the special effusions of the Holy Spirit; more than a thousand new members added to the churches, and as many more hopefully converted to God; and many others were inquiring what they should do to be saved. The cause of the Bible, of Domestic Missions, of Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, of Tracts, and of Temperance, are gaining rapidly, promoting the intelligence, and improving the morals of the citizens. Depositories of Tracts have been established in Portsmouth, Exeter, Concord and Keene. The first considerable effort in the cause of Temperance in this

State, was made at Lyme, January, 1827; at which time Mr. Kittredge delivered his address, copies of which have been multiplied to such an unparalleled extent, and which has done so much to affect public opinion on this subject— This body contains 138 churches, 94 pastors, and 17 candidates and ministers without a pastoral charge.

From the General Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian ministers in Vermont, similar cheering intelligence was communicated by their Representative. Not a few of their churches are enjoying a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. God has employed various means for arresting attention to the concerns of the soul. Bible Classes have been specially blessed. Connected with this body are about 170 churches. The whole number of ministers, including licentiates who labor principally in that State, is not far from 130.

From the General Association of Massachusetts we learn that there are at the present time, or recently have been, revivals of religion more or less extensive in all the District Associations. It is believed that no year, since the days of our fathers, has been so prosperous to Zion in the land of the Pilgrims, as the last. There seems to be a resurrection of the spirit of those holy men, who prayed, and wept, and labored in the cause of truth and righteousness. In the eastern section of their bounds, not only a generation, but generations have come to the sacred altars, and entered the consecrated places, who have excluded the Saviour, and the atonement in which their fathers believed and trusted. But God, by the effusions of his Spirit, is causing the departed glory to return. These revivals are marked with increasing evidence that they are from God, both in the noiseless solemnity of their progress, and their unwithering fruits.— The benevolent institutions of the day are cheerfully and systematically sustained in the churches; and by these char-

ities a strong bond of union is formed among them. The revival which has been advancing in Boston for more than two years, is still in progress. The result has been the establishment of many evangelical churches in and about the city. In all the congregations, two only excepted, of Berkshire Association, a season of the special favor of God has been enjoyed; and upwards of 1700 persons have indulged hopes of reconciliation to God. The General Association of Massachusetts embraces 18 district Associations of Evangelical ministers; 207 ministers of the Gospel; 240 churches, and about 44,646 communicants. There are about 40 Evangelical churches destitute of settled pastors. There are two respectable Associations of Evangelical ministers within the Commonwealth, not connected with the General Association.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church is spread over most of the United States; and while it laments the existence of many evils, as gaming, profaneness, intemperance, sabbath breaking, theatrical exhibitions, and the like, which they are compelled to witness in common with their brethren belonging to other ecclesiastical bodies, they are still able to report a very encouraging progress of religion, and to specify more than 120 places, in which the gospel has been eminently clothed with a divine power, to awaken, melt and renew the hearts of sinners. Some of the mutes in the Asylum of Deaf and Dumb in Danville, are numbered among the hopeful subjects of renewing grace. At the missionary stations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Buffaloe, the Holy Spirit has in a remarkable manner stirred up the hearts of the heathen to seek the Lord, and more than 40 of these children of the forest have been united with the church. This branch of the church has made very rapid advances, the last year, in almost every benevolent work, particularly in aiding the cause of foreign

missions, and providing the means for educating pious youth for the ministry.

The Rev. Messrs. William Allen, D. D. Benjamin Tappan, and Asa Cummings, are the Committee to certify the standing of ministers travelling out of the bounds of this State.

The Corresponding Secretary is the Rev. Asa Cummings, of Portland.

Voted, that the next meeting of this Body be at Waldoborough, on the Tuesday before the 4th Wednesday of June, at 11 o'clock, 1829.

ABSTRACT

OF THE RETURNS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTY CONFERENCES, EXHIBITING A TABULAR VIEW OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

YORK CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Members Received.		Members Removed.		Total Number.	Baptisms.	Sabbath Schools.	Sabbath Scholars.	Vols. in Sab. School Library.	Bible Classes.	Bible Scholars.
		On Profes.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Died. Excom.							
Alfred	D. D. Tappan			5	1	59	3	1				
Berwick		13			3	48		1				
Biddeford	C. Marsh	25					5	1	60	50	1	45
Buxton	L. Loring	1	1		4	81	6	5	160		2	90
Kennebunk Port	J. P. Fessenden	29	1	1	1	121	58	1			2	
Kennebunk	D. Campbell	14	5			31		1	150	425	2	75
Kittery Point	S. Merrill	4				37	4	7	180			
Lebanon	J. Weston	3		1		74	3	1	45	55	1	
Limerick	C. Freeman	1	1		1	46	6	2	50	126	2	55
Limington	C. F. Page	3			2	56	7	1	50		1	
Lyman	J. Calef					59	2	1				
Newfield					1	27	2	1	30	130		
Parsonsfield		1			1	23		1	25	75		
Saco	J. Cogswell	23	2		1	131	29	1	200		2	130
Sanford					1	30	3		60	200		
Shapleigh W.												
S. Berwick	G. W. Campbell	1			1	54	4	3	170	290	3	90
Wells	J. Greenleaf	52	2	4	2	142	54	11	220		2	130
York 2d	T. W. Duncan	1				10	6	1	25	41	2	20
		19	14			171	12	11	17	3	999	193	40	1425	1392	19	635

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Members rec'd. On Profes.	Members rec'd. By letter.	Members rem'vd. Dismissed.	Members rem'vd. Died.	Members rem'vd. Excom.	Total number.	Baptisms.	Sabbath Schools.	Sab. Scholars.	Vols. in S. S. Library.	Bible Classes.	Bible Scholars.
Baldwin,	Noah Emerson	3					26	4			300		100
Brunswick	Asa Mead	9	1	2			84		6	250	400		100
Cape Elizabeth													
Cumberland	Sam'l Stone		1	3			81		1	94	134		35
Danville,													
Durham	Bennet Roberts						26	9	1	60	60	2	60
Falmouth	Wm. Miltimore	13		3	3		106	9	3	120	212	3	140
Freeport	Enos Merrill	5					91	4	2	120	200	3	120
Gorham	Thad. Pomeroy	2	1	4	4		157	9	1	160	525		300
Gray	S. H. Peckham	3					46	2	2	102	141		25
Harrison													
Harpswell		10			2		24	8	1	30	74		10
Hebron				2			48		1				
Minot	Elijah Jones	7	2		2		206	9	8	200	136		70
N. Gloucester		2		3	2		128			180	170	2	60
N. Yarmouth 1st.			1	3	5		192	13	1	170	300		85
2d.	Caleb Hobart	19	3				110	50	1	100	110		30
Chapel	Noah Cresey						27		1	36	40	2	24
Otisfield	J. G. Merrill	9		2		1	73	8	3	75	108	3	45
Poland	J. P. Richardson	18			2		50	8		90			30
Portland 2d.		75	4	14	7		505			343			300
3d.	Charles Jenkins	72	19	2	1		171	69	1	170	350		150
Chapel				4	2		30						
Pownal	Perez Chapin	2								60			60
Raymond		3			1		17						
Scarboro' 1st.	Tho's Jameson	4					55	1					15
2d.													
Standish	Dan'l Marrett			6	1			4	1	50	91		
Westbrook	Caleb Bradley	75	3					73	2	160	120	3	100
Windham							11						
Lewiston		3	5	2			13	11	1	20	52		
31	18	333	40	53	38	1	2404	291	43	2590	3523	35	1846

LINCOLN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Added. On Profes.	Added. By Letter.	Removed. Dism.	Removed. Died.	Total number.	Baptisms.	Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath Scholars.
Topsham	Jacob C. Goss	6			2	50	9	2	7	
Bath North	J. W. Ellingwood	3			2	162	24	2	22	120
South	Seneca White			3	1	102				130
Phipsburg	John Boynton	6	2		1	72				
Woolwich	Jona. Adams				4	70	3		3	
Alna		2					8	2	6	
New Castle	Jotham Sewall, jr.				1	49	3		3	
Waldoboro'	D. M. Mitchell	11		3	3	97	17	4	13	170
Bristol	Nath'l Chapman			2	1	46	7		7	
Thomaston	Jno. H. Ingraham									
Edgecomb	Dan'l Kendrick	25			2	75	19		19	
Boothbay	Isaac Weston	3	1			87	12	3	9	
Washington		3				27	8	3	5	
Union		2				52	2	2		
14	11	61	2	9	14	889	112	18	94	420

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Added. Prof.	Added. Letter.	Removed. Dism.	Removed. Died	Removed. Exc.	Total number.	Baptisms.	Increase.	
Belfast	Nath'l Wales	6	2				72	2	8	
Frankfort		2							2	
Brooks & Jackson							40	1		in Waldo co.
Prospect	Stephen Thurston	11					142	22	10	
Swanville				2						
Bluehill	Jonathan Fisher						83	3		
Sedgwick							20			
Mount Desert	Ebenezer Eaton				2		136			
Ellsworth	Peter Nourse	27							27	
Sullivan										
Castine	John Crosby						31	1		
Brooksville	Manning Ellis									
12	7	46	4	4	4	1	614	29	47	

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Added. Prof.	Added. Let.	Removed. Dism.	Removed. Died.	Removed. Exc.	Total.	Baptisms.
Albion			4				26	3
Augusta	Benj. Tappan	9		7	2		127	11
Chesterville	Jotham Sewall			4	3		46	1
Farmington	Isaac Rogers	1	1		1		37	8
Hallowell	George Shepard	1			1	4	153	
Litchfield		2	1	3	1		40	9
New Sharon	J. Underwood	2					42	1
Pittston							35	4
Temple				2			48	3
Unity							8	
Vassalboro'	Thomas Adams	7	1		4		139	20
Weld				2			58	2
Wilton							17	
Windsor							24	
Winthrop	David Thurston	2		4	1		176	5
15	7	24	7	22	13	5	976	62

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Prof.	Letter.	Removed. Dism.	Removed. Died.	Removed. Exc	TOTAL.	Bapt.
Dixmont					1		8	
Hampden	S. A. Loper	13	1				40	7
Bangor	S. L. Pomroy	25			1	3	160	28
Brewer					1		50	3
Orono							25	
Passadunkeag		28	2				30	20
Garland		2	2				20	5
Foxcroft	Thos. Williams	19		2		1	70	10
Brownville	N. W. Sheldon	39	1				78	62
9	4	126	7	2	3	4	481	135

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Added.	Removed. Dism.	Died.	Exc.	TOTAL.	Baptised.	B. Class'.	S. Schs
Albany	Thos. Ayer	4	1	1		47	2	1	1
Andover	Thos. T. Stone								
Bethel	Chas. Frost	43	1	1		83	4	2	1
Brownfield		1		2		25			
Dixfield						14		1	1
Fryeburg	Carlton Hurd	6				10		3	2
Gilead						30			
Hebron 2d		9				15	14		1
Hiram						3			
Lovell & Sweden	Valentine Little	7		2		38	8	1	5
Norway	Henry A. Merrill	4	1			80	9	3	4
Paris	Joseph Walker	12	1	2		85	18	1	1
Rumford	Daniel Gould	30		1	1	86	44		
Sumner	Samuel Sewall			2		75		1	
Turner	Allen Greely		2	3		69	2		4
Waterford	Jno. A. Douglass		4	2		105	3	1	1
16	11	76	11	14	1	875	104	14	21

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Fourteen churches are connected with this Conference, but the returns were such, that a table could not be compiled from them. There are in the county six settled ministers of the Congregational denomination.

RECAPITULATION.—The above tables give 130 churches, 78 pastors, and 7,685 church members.

On inspecting the tables, it will be seen, that there are many blanks, some churches having nothing but their names returned. It is earnestly requested, that another year they may be complete and accurate. Clerks of Conferences are also requested to make out returns of *all* the Orthodox churches within their territorial limits, putting such last, as do not belong to the Conference, and distinguishing them by some mark.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

At their Annual Meeting in Waldoboro',

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WALDOBOROUGH, June 23, 1829.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, according to appointment, convened at the meeting-house of the Rev. *David M. Mitchell*, in this place, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The following persons appointed by the several County Conferences, appeared and took their seats:

YORK. Rev. Christopher Marsh.

CUMBERLAND. Rev. Perez Chapin, Rev. Elijah Jones, Br. Edward Little.

LINCOLN. Rev. Daniel Kendrick, Br. Joseph Sherman.

KENNEBEC. Rev. Eliphalet Gillet, D. D. Rev. Joseph Underwood, Dea. Henry Sewall.

HANCOCK & WALDO. Rev. Mighill Blood, Rev. John Crosby, Dea. Bliss Blodget.

PENOBSCOT. Rev. Thomas Williams, Rev. George E. Adams, Br. Daniel Pike, Br. Josiah S. Gallagher.

SOMERSET. Rev. Fifield Holt, Rev. Josiah Tucker, Br. Samuel Sylvester.

OXFORD. Rev. Charles Frost, Rev. Henry White.

Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, Moderator.

" ALLEN GREELY, Rec. Secretary.

Delegates from corresponding bodies were present as follow: Rev. Jonathan Bigelow,* from the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Rev. Samuel Fisher, D. D. substitute of Rev. Mr. Beman, and Rev. Alexander Proudfit, D. D. delegate of the American Bible Society, being present were invited to sit as honorary members.

Rev. E. Gillet, M. Blood and Rec. Secretary, being appointed a committee of enrolment, reported, that by the constitution and by-laws of this Body, the following persons present are members:—Rev. David M. Mitchell, Rev. Asa Mead, Br. William Ladd, Rev. William Allen, D. D., Rev. Enos Merrill, Rev. Thomas Adams, Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy. All ordained ministers present, were, according to the constitution, invited to sit as honorary members, and take a part in the deliberations.

The meeting was opened with reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer, by the Moderator.

Rev. Asa Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, being absent, Rev. C. Marsh was appointed Corresponding Secretary, *pro tempore*.

Voted, That D. M. Mitchell, T. Pomeroy and A. Mead, be a committee of overtures and arrangements. This committee reported business for the afternoon, which will be seen in the exercises performed. After an adjournment of one hour, met at half past one.

At the opening of the meeting in the afternoon, an hour was spent in devotional exercises. Singing and prayer by Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Rev. Dr. Fisher addressed the assembly, gave an exhortation and offered prayer. Rev. Mr. Chapin read for singing 34th Hymn, 2d book,—*Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove;* and

*Also Delegate to this Body from the American Tract Society at Boston.

offered prayer. Dissertations were then read on the following subjects:

On the timely interest manifested in the Sabbath School system; and reasons for praying for the conversion of Sabbath School scholars. By Rev. C. Marsh.

After this dissertation, special prayer was offered for the conversion of Sabbath School scholars, in which Rev. Mr. Beman led.

On Church Discipline. By Rev. M. Blood.

On the Fellowship of the Churches. By Rev. T. Williams.

These dissertations were severally referred to a publishing committee.

The committee of overtures reported the following:

Resolved, That this Conference do approve of the objects of the American Peace Society, and do recommend them to the serious attention of christian churches.

Resolved, That it be recommended to delegates from this Conference to other religious Bodies to bring those objects specially before such Bodies.

In favor of these resolutions, speeches, remarks and facts, were offered by Messrs. Ladd, Mead, D. Thurston, Beman and Proudfit.

The resolutions passed unanimously, not by the Conference only, but received the concurrence of the whole assembly as manifested by rising.

Rev. J. Bigelow, of Massachusetts, offered the following:

Resolved, That this Conference highly approve the efforts made by the American Tract Society, to form Auxiliary Tract Societies in every parish, and to supply every family in this State with tracts; and that we earnestly recommend to all the ministers and churches connected with this Body to lend a ready and efficient co-operation with the Agent of the A. T. Society in accomplishing an object so intimately connected with the best interests of all our towns and new settlements.

Supported by Messrs. Bigelow, Beman, Proudfit and Gillet.

Rev. Geo. W. Campbell, agent of the American Colonization Society, offered the following:

Resolved, That it be recommended by this Conference, that a collection be taken up in our churches and congregations on or about the 4th of July next, for the benefit of the Colonization Society.

In support of this resolution the interests of the colony at Liberia, at Africa, were brought before this Body. The relation of that settlement to the coloured population and slavery in this country were presented to view, and many encouraging facts exhibited to show the bearing of that settlement upon the liberation of slaves among us, and the introduction and extension of civilization and christianity into that quarter of the globe.

Voted, That Messrs. Adams, Pomeroy and Blood, be a committee of nomination.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Wednesday morning, at 5 o'clock, the assembly met for divine service. Mr. Frost offered the first prayer. Mr. Beman preached from Matthew III. 3. *Prepare ye the way of the Lord.* The duty devolving on ministers and members of the church to prepare the way for the coming of Christ, was clearly stated, and forcibly urged. The remarks and illustrations offered came home to the feelings and hearts of the hearers, and every one present, who had any regard for the interests of Christ's kingdom, felt that he had much to do.

At the close of worship business was resumed.

The committee of nomination reported, and their report was accepted as follows:

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.	Rev. William Allen, D. D.	
	Br. Thomas Adams, Castine.	
	Substitutes.	
	Rev. John Smith, D. D.	
	Br. William Ladd.	

General Association of Connecticut.	Rev. David M. Mitchell, Rev. Enos Merrill. *Substitutes.* Rev. Bennet Tyler, D. D. Rev. Samuel Johnson.
General Association of Massachusetts.	Rev. Thomas Adams, Rev. Charles Jenkins. *Substitutes.* Rev. Mighill Blood, Rev. Abraham Jackson.
General Association of N. Hampshire.	Rev. Joseph P. Fessenden, Rev. Daniel D. Tappan. *Substitutes.* Rev. Christopher Marsh. Rev. Charles Frost.
General Convention of Vermont.	Rev. Allen Greely. *Substitute.* Rev. Joseph Underwood.
Preachers for next year.	Rev. William Allen, D. D. *Substitute.* Rev. John W. Ellingwood.

The Treasurer's report was offered and accepted, interest being remitted.

Voted, That Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy be Treasurer.

Voted, That Moderator, Rec. Secretary and Treasurer, be a committee of appropriation.

Voted, That Rev. C. Jenkins, Rev. A. Cummings and Rec. Secretary, be a committee of publication.

After a recess of one hour, convened again at half past 7 o'clock.

A letter was read, addressed to this Conference by the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Bangor, respectfully requesting us to appoint a committee to visit and examine that institution, that the Conference may be more intimately acquainted with its character, situation and prospects, and feel a

deeper interest in its welfare; and also to ascertain its claims on the fostering care of the Christian community in Maine.

Whereupon a committee of this Body was raised, who afterwards reported, and their report was accepted as follows :

Resolved, That this Conference comply with the request of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Bangor.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of one clergyman and one layman from each of the County Conferences of York, Cumberland, and Lincoln, and one clergyman or layman from each of the other County Conferences in the State, be appointed to visit said Seminary at its next anniversary, for the purpose proposed, that they may be directed to report to this Conference at its next meeting, and that they be authorized to make such communications in the mean time to the public, in relation to their doings, as they may deem for the interests of the Seminary, and the cause of religion. The following persons were then nominated, and by this Conference appointed a committee for the above purpose :

York, { Br. Ether Shepley, / Rev. Samuel Johnson.
Cumberland, { Rev. Charles Jenkins, / Br. William Ladd.
Lincoln, { Br. Isaac G. Reed, / Rev. Seneca White.
Oxford, Rev. Carlton Hurd.
Kennebec. Rev. George Shepherd.
Somerset, Rev. Fifield Holt.
Penobscot, Bro. Joseph Lee.
Hancock and Waldo, Rev. Peter Nourse.
Washington, Bro. John Dickinson.

Delegates appointed at the last meeting of this Body to attend the meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Association of Massachusetts, reported, that they had met those Bodies according to appointment, were received with great cordiality, and united with pleasure in their deliberations, and by information from almost every section of the church, it appeared there never was greater

reason to hope for success in exertions to extend the influence of pure religion in our country.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary cause to be printed blank returns of the churches connected with this General Conference; and also blank returns of the County Conferences, the blank returns of churches to be filled up by the pastors or clerks of the churches, and returned to the County Conferences at each annual meeting, by the delegates to the Conferences, and be deposited with their clerks; the blank returns of the County Conferences to be filled up by the clerks of the Conferences, and transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference in season for the annual meeting.

Voted, That Messrs. Marsh and Tyler be a committee to assist the Corresponding Secretary in preparing said blanks.

The hour having arrived for the annual meeting of the Maine Missionary Society,

Voted, That this Body adjourn to meet at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday morning.—Convened at the hour appointed. Prayer by G. E. Adams, address by M. Blood. Prayer by J. Crosby, address by C. Jenkins. Doxology.

At half past 7 reassembled; when it was

Resolved, That this Conference cordially approve of the resolutions passed by the several County Bible Societies in this State to supply each destitute family within their limits with a copy of the Scriptures during the current year; and that the officers of these societies be earnestly solicited to put forth persevering efforts to carry their resolutions into effect.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be requested to furnish each County Bible Society with a copy of the preceding Resolution.

Messrs. T. Adams and C. Marsh being appointed a committee for the purpose, offered the following, which the Conference adopted.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several County Conferences to report the state of the Churches within their limits for the

year ending Dec. 31, previous to each annual meeting of the General Conference.

The committee of overtures offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Body properly notice the dispensation of God in the removal by death, of our brother, Rev. Nathaniel Wales, of Belfast, who was a member of this Body at its last meeting, and that those who lead in prayer, intercede for a sanctifying effect upon this Body, upon his afflicted family, and the bereaved church and people.

Voted, That Article X. of the Constitution be so far altered that the Annual meetings of this body, commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Voted, That Messrs. D. Thurston, E. Gillet, and T. Pomeroy, be a committe of overtures for the next meeting.

At 9 o'clock the more public exercises of the Conference commenced. Singing was proposed and prayer offered by Mr. Bigelow, of Massachusetts. Afterwards,

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to each church connected with this Conference to renew their memorial to the Congress of the United States, at its next session, praying for the suspension of the transportation of the mail on the Lord's day.

Resolved, That the delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies present be requested to take copies of this resolution, soliciting the cooperation of their respective bodies in the measure.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference, will, as individuals use our influence and exertions to retrieve the Sabbath from its present desecration.

The passing of this resolution was accompanied with the concurrence of the assembly.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the churches connected with it to observe on the first Monday in January, and the 4th of July. annually, a season of special prayer for our rulers, and the young men of our country.

The report on the state of religion within the bounds of this Conference, was then presented by Rev. C. Marsh, Cor. Secretary, pro tempore. Then followed a narrative of the state of Religion in Massachusetts, by Mr. Bigelow; and in the Presbyterian Church, by Mr. Beman.

The committee of overtures offered the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this body highly approve the appointment of Rev. Asa Mead, as an agent of American Temperance Society, to labor in this State, and cordially recommend him to the attention of the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, of every denomination, and invite their co-operation with him in moral efforts to do away the use of ardent spirits.

Resolved, That this Conference rejoice to learn of the rapid progress of temperance in various parts of our country and feel bound to recommend to the churches in this State that systematic measures be adopted and strenuous exertions be made among them, to put an entire stop to the use of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That we recommend to every church that special prayer be made for divine guidance on this subject; and that they inquire whether it is not duty to make it an invariable condition of membership that the person abstain wholly from the use of ardent spirits, (except when prescribed by a temperate physician as an indispensable medicine.)

Resolved, That we believe the time has come when every christian engaged in the traffic of ardent spirits should seriously inquire whether he can continue the business in any form consistent with his duty to God and to his fellow men.

These resolutions were supported by interesting facts from Messrs. Beman, Proudfit, Ladd, and T. Pomeroy. In passing these resolutions the assembly concurred with the Conference. United in singing 132d Hymn, 1st Book.

Dissertation, on love to souls as a principle of action, and its connexion with success in the christian ministry. By Rev. *J. Tucker*.

The exercises of the forenoon were closed with prayer by Rev. J. Sawyer.

The exercises of the afternoon began with singing, after which the committee of overtures offered the following:

Resolved, That the alarming suspension of divine influences upon the churches and congregations in Maine, calls for deep humiliation, fasting and prayer before God.

The passage of this resolve was preceeded by remarks from

P. Chapin and D. Thurston. Our liability to depend on human efforts and our complacency in the benevolent movements of the day, were shown to be one probable cause why the gifts of God's Spirit were no more enjoyed, and why we were so well satisfied to do without them.—Prayer by Rev. E. Merrill. After singing, the sermon before the Conference was delivered by Rev. F. Holt, from Daniel ix. 25. *And the street shall be built again, and the walls even in troublous times.*

Contribution for feeble conferences $48,17.

In the administration of the Lord's Supper, Messrs. D. Thurston and Fisher officiated. *It was a solemn feast.*

Voted, To repeal the By-law respecting Dissertations.

Voted, That the Report on the state of religion, be referred to the publishing committee.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary prepare an account of this meeting, for publication in the Christian Mirror.

Voted, That the minutes of this meeting and the Report on the state of religion, be printed in a pamphlet, by the publishing committee.

Voted, That the next meeting of this body be at Winthrop, on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1830, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A true copy,

ALLEN GREELY, *Rec. Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Whatever may be the state of individual Christians, or of Churches, the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ is the same. And though the reports on the state of religion, at different times, might appear to one who was a stranger to the gospel or an enemy of the Cross, like reports on subjects almost entirely different, yet the subject is one and the same. Sometimes religious reports are full of *glad tidings of great joy.* They are to the children of God *as cold water to a thirsty soul.* They are strongly marked with indications of the triumphant power

of truth and holiness. And many are made glad in view of the great things which God hath done for Zion. And happy would it be for the church and animating to all who love the Lord, if we could always say, that all things pertaining to that kingdom which is not of this world, are as they should be. This would be well pleasing to God, and it would shed such a lustre around our holy religion as the world could neither gainsay nor resist. They would not then contemptuously or profanely ask, Where is your God? for they would be constrained to admit, that our God is in the heavens and doeth whatsoever he will on earth.

But how often are we under the necessity of presenting reports of a very different aspect. For it is a subject on which we will not dissemble. The cause in which we are embarked calls for no concealment. Naked *facts*, however disheartening, will best serve its interests. If the picture cannot be correctly drawn without presenting shades of a dark hue, still so far as means are furnished it should always be drawn correctly. And, if it were really so, it would be peculiarly gratifying for this General Conference to report, that now the Spirit of Almighty grace is descending on the greater part of our Churches *like rain upon the mown grass and as showers that water the earth.* But instead of this the appalling fact must be published, that far the greater part of this heritage of the Lord is like Gilboa, on which neither rain nor dew is now descending.— And though from the following statement, it will appear that a goodly number has been added to several of the Churches within our bounds the last year, yet most of them were subjects of revivals, which had subsided just before our last anniversary, or were then in progress, and have since subsided.

County of Washington. A Conference of Churches has been formed in this County, within the last year; but as it is not represented in this meeting, and as no official returns have been made to the proper organ, or to any other member of this body, nothing can be said, respecting their joys or sorrows.

PENOBSCOT. There are 13 Churches connected with this Conference in this County. Four of these have been gathered since the last meeting of the General Conference. The whole number of members, about 680,—140 of them have been added within the year. Eight of their 13 Churches are without pastors.

HANCOCK & WALDO. At the last meeting of the Hancock Conference, their constitution was so altered, that the Hancock Church Conference takes the name of Hancock and Waldo Church Conference.

The Church in Castine, has received several additions within the last year. There have been, says their report, about a dozen hopefully converted, which conversions heve been from month to month through the whole year. Several of these are young men from 12 to 21 years of age.

The town of Bucksport has experienced a day of the right hand of the Most High. As many as seventy have indulged a hope, forty of whom have united with the Church, and seven more stand propounded; 23 males and 24 females. Many of them heads of families.

SOMERSET. There are 15 Churches connected with this Conference, one of which has been organized within the year. Nine of their Churches have pastors, and six are destitute. The whole number of communicants, as reported at their meeting last week, was 456. Twenty six of them were added within the year.

OXFORD. In this Conference there are eighteen Churches and twelve pastors, containing 1005 communicants. There is an interesting attention to religion in one or two towns.

KENNEBEC. Eighteen Churches are connected with this Conference. Ten of these Churches have pastors; four of the remaining eight, have the labors of one pastor, who has been recently set over them in the Lord. The whole number of communicants is 1038. Seventy three of these made a

profession within a year. Though they can report no special revival of religion the past year, yet they can report what no other Conference can, that out of four Churches organized since the last anniversary of the Conference three have already settled pastors.

Lincoln. The number of Churches connected with the Conference in this County, was, at the last annual meeting, sixteen, six of them are, at this time, destitute of pastors. A Church has been organized at Wiscasset within the year, and has settled a pastor. Their last annual meeting reports 1196 church-members, and that 193 of these had made profession of religion within the year.

In three or four towns, there is now more than ordinary attention to religion. In Phipsburg, God has done great things, whereof we are glad. It is judged that as many as seventy have passed from death unto life in that town, and about thirty on a neighboring Island.

Cumberland. This is the largest Conference in the State, having 31 Churches connected with it, embracing 2666 communicants; 141 of these made a profession of religion within the year. They are making special efforts to furnish the requisite pecuniary means this year, for placing a pastor over every Church connected with this Conference.

York. Twenty one Churches are connected with this Conference—having 17 pastors, and 1370 communicants, 163 of them having been added within a year. Two of their destitute Churches will settle pastors, as soon as they can be obtained. Special efforts are making in that county, to supply every family with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, which remark is true, in regard to all the other Counties in the State.

The returns which have been made from the several County Conferences to the General Conference, are so imperfect, it is impracticable to attempt to give the number of Churches connected with this body, or the number of members in these

Churches, or the number added since the last annual meeting, or the number of Churches destitute of pastors. Ten Churches have been organized the last year.—This is an interesting fact to all who are praying from the heart, *Thy kingdom come.*

The cause of temperance has made very considerable progress the year past. The sin of intemperance, which has so long been written on the face of our country, as in letters of blood, is beginning to be wiped away ; but there must yet be much prayer, and much example bearing upon this subject, before the work will be completed.

There is, it is thought, an increasing interest taken in the subject of Sabbath Schools. Probably many more will assemble on each revolving Sabbath to recite the word of God, than in any preceding year. And if some mercy drops do not come down, this season, upon the growing immortals, it will not be because God is slack concerning his promise, but because of unbelief.

The importance of a more sacred observance of the holy Sabbath, has been spread out before this great republic, in accents, which plainly indicate, that there is yet a redeeming spirit among the sons of the puritans. And though they have met with a rebuff from the powers that be, yet it is most confidently believed, that a cord has been touched, which will vibrate till rulers and their subjects shall remember the Sabbath, and keep it holy. There is an omnipotence in example and public opinion, which wicked men and devils cannot resist. If those in this State, and those in other parts of our community, who know what the Sabbath day means, or who understand its object, shall show, both by precept and example how God would have it observed, the Sabbath, which is the bulwark of all our institutions, civil as well as religious, shall never be entombed.

It is a gratifying circumstance, that the Theological Seminary at Bangor, which your last Report says, " is exerting a happy influence upon the surrounding region, besides raising

up pastors for our starving Churches," has come up so prominently the past year before the friends of religion in this State. No well wisher to the moral and religious interests of our new or our old settlements, believes for a moment, that we have no need of this Institution. Let that Seminary go down, or cease to be, and you stop a large number of Sabbath Schools at once, you cut off the last hope of some of our destitute Churches, and you throw obstacles in the way of preparing for the coming of the Lord, which half a century cannot remove. It must, therefore, and it will be fostered and sustained.

The Mariners' Church in Portland, to which allusion was made in your last report, is completed, and it was dedicated the 14th inst. to Almighty God as a house of worship "for that interesting and valuable class of citizens," who *go down to the sea in ships, and do business on the great waters.*—This is as it should be. This looks as though the abundance of the seas are to be gathered unto God.

Finally, brethren, there is much in regard to the religious interests in these pleasant places, where our lines have fallen, and in this goodly heritage, which the Lord has given us, calculated to quicken and encourage. In days past, God hath surely done great things for our Zion. The last year has gathered not a few immortal souls into the arms of the Saviour. Many a time since the last meeting of the Conference, there has been joy in heaven over sinners that repented in Maine. But what is the religious state of our Churches and congregations at this time?—What was their state, when we left them, and set our faces towards this place of our holy convocation? How many times there has appeared to be a shaking among the dry bones, and the bones seemed to come together, *bone to his bone, and lo the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and skin covered them above, but there was no breath in them.*—And, brethren, have we not reason to fear, that it is very much the state of our religious solemnities at this time? Every thing looks well. Attention is wide awake. The interest is deep

and well sustained. But where is the unction from above? Where is the life giving Spirit of Almighty God? Who will not, in the exercise of faith, and with brokenness of heart for sin, cry unto God in the language of the prophet, *Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.*

RECAPITULATION.

Penobscot Conference,		15	Churches,	5	Pastors,	680	Members.
Hancock & Waldo	"	13	"	8	"	712	"
Somerset	"	15	"	9	"	456	"
Oxford	"	18	"	12	"	1000	"
Kennebec	"	18	"	11	"	1038	"
Lincoln,	"	16	"	10	"	1196	"
Cumberland	"	31	"	21	"	2666	"
York	"	21	"	17	"	1370	"
		145		93		9118	
Reported last year,		130		78		7685	
Reported increase,		15		15		1433	

Washington, not reported.

The Rev. Messrs. William Allen, D. D. Benjamin Tappan, and Asa Cummings, are the Committee to certify the standing of ministers travelling out of the bounds of this State.

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SCHEDULE,

for the year ending

Exhibiting the state of the Church in

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[N. B.—The Clerk of the Church is requested to fill out this schedule, occupying the blank portion of the paper with Remarks on the general state of religion in the place, or the statement of any facts connected with the prosperity of Religion; and see that it reaches the hands of the Clerk of the County Conference, to which the church belongs

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine, assembled according to appointment in the Meeting-house of Rev. *David Thurston*, Winthrop, on Tuesday, June 22, 1830, at 10 o'clock A. M. The following delegates from the several County Conferences were present.

YORK.
- Rev. Samuel Johnson,
- Rev. Thomas W. Duncan,
- Rev. Daniel D. Tappan,
- Br. Reuben Buck.

CUMBERLAND.
- Rev. Caleb Bradley,
- Rev. Thomas Tenney,
- Rev. Charles Jenkins,
- Br. Woodbury Storer,
- Br. Silas Blake.

LINCOLN.
- Rev. E. G. Babcock,
- Br. Carlton Dole,
- Br. Nathaniel Coffin.

KENNEBEC.
- Rev. Jotham Sewall,
- Rev. Isaac Rodgers,
- Br. Eben Dole,
- Br. John Means.

HANCOCK & WALDO.
- Rev. S. Thurston.
- Br. John Buck.

PENOBSCOT.
- Rev. John Smith,
- Rev. Isaac E. Wilkins,
- Br. Joshua Mitchell.

SOMERSET.
- Rev. Josiah Peet,
- Rev. Josiah Tucker,
- Br. William W. Dinsmore,
- Br. John Loring.

OXFORD. { Rev. Henry A. Merrill,
Rev. Thomas Ayer,
Br. Daniel Stowell.

WASHINGTON. (Not represented.)

The following persons were present as members of the Conference *ex officio*. Rev. William Allen, Rev. David Thurston. Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Rev. E. Gillet, Rev. D. M. Mitchell, Rev. Carlton Hurd, Rev. Fifield Holt, Rev. Allen Greely, Rev. Wales Lewis, Br. Ether Shepley, and Br. William Ladd.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. Dewey Whitney.

From the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Silas McKeen.

The Conference united in prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. S. Johnson, S. Thurston, and J. Rodgers were appointed committee of enrolment.

Rev. Messrs. Ellingwood, Lewis, and Johnson, were appointed committee of nomination.

Rev. Messrs. B. Tappan, S. L. Pomeroy, A. Mead, were appointed committee of overtures. This committee reported from time to time the regular business of the session.

The following Officers were elected by ballot for the three years ensuing, viz.

Rev. DAVID THURSTON, Winthrop, *Moderator*.
Rev. ASA CUMMINGS, Portland, *Cor. Secretary*.
Rev. CHARLES JENKINS, " *Rec. Secretary*.

Rev. A. Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, being absent, Rev. C. Marsh was appointed to that office pro tempore.

After an adjournment of an hour and a half, the Conference resumed their session, by engaging for a season in devotional exercises.

Singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Cogswell, General Agent of the American Education Society. An Address was made

by Rev. Mr. Mead, and a prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Page, from New Hampshire.

The attention of the Conference was called to the operations and plans of the American Tract Society at Boston, by Mr. Walter Follet; and the following resolution was offered by Rev. B. Tappan.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the churches connected with it, to adopt measures for the monthly distribution of religious tracts in their respective towns, either by gift or loan.

This resolution was advocated by the mover and others, and at length adopted.

Rev. Mr. Mead then introduced the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference regard the rapid progress of temperance the last year, as an occasion of lively gratitude to God, and as an encouragement for more vigorous exertions in the same cause.

2. *Resolved*, That we learn with great satisfaction, that in many churches connected with us, there is not a member who either drinks, or traffics in ardent spirits; and that we look forward to the time as near, when *all our churches* shall in like manner be freed from all participation in the guilt of intemperance.

The mover sustained these resolutions by pertinent remarks, and was followed by Rev. Mr. Blood of Bucksport, in a statement of several interesting facts in support of the resolutions. They were then unanimously adopted.

Remarks were likewise made on this subject by Rev. Messrs. Whitney of Kentucky, and Mr. McKeen of Vermont, giving an encouraging account of the progress of temperance in their respective sections of the country.

Voted, To adjourn to 8'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning, *June* 23. The Conference met according to adjournment.

Rev. H. A. Merrill introduced the follow resolution, which being followed by some remarks by him, and seconded by T. Brown of Vassalboro', was adopted.

Resolved, That in the estimation of the Conference, it would be injurious to the interests of religion and morals, for the pow-

ır of civil government to be employed in attempting to produce uniformity of religious opinions and practices.

The Report of the Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was read and accepted.

Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The committee of nominations made the following Report which was accepted.

DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.	Rev. David Thurston, Br. Ether Shepley. *Substitutes.* Rev. John Smith, Br. William Ladd.
General Association of Connecticut.	Rev. Benjamin Tappan, Rev. Samuel Johnson. *Substitutes.* Rev. D. M. Mitchell, Rev. George Shepherd.
General Association of Massachusetts.	Rev. Mighill Blood, Rev. Abraham Jackson. *Substitutes.* Rev. Isaac Weston, Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy.
General Association of New Hampshire.	Rev. Thomas Jameson, Rev. Charles Frost. *Substitutes.* Rev. Carlton Hurd, Rev. William Clark.
Gen. Convention of Vermont.	Rev. Beriah Green, Rev. Joseph Woodward. *Substitutes.* Rev. Fifield Holt, Rev. Daniel Lovejoy.

Rev. T. Pomeroy was chosen Treasurer.

Voted, That the Moderator, Rec. Sec. and Treasurer be a committee of appropriations.

Voted, That the Rec. and Cor. Secretaries be a committee of publication.

He is still *the Lord our Righteousness*, and the defence of Zion. And it is an occasion of thanksgiving, and it shall be for thanksgiving, that it can be stated at this time, that God has begun to turn our captivity, and bring back his heritage from reproach. Surely the Lord has begun to *revive us again*. That spiritual apathy, which was becoming so general in our churches, and which was affecting the soul, like the frost of death, and which was to an alarming degree, standing in the way of the salvation of sinners, has begun to be broken up. To some of the churches, which, at your last anniversary, were like the mountains of Gilboa, God in his sovereign mercy, has kindly said,

> "Take down your long neglected harps,
> I've seen your tears, and heard your prayers,
> The winter season has been sharp,
> But spring shall all its wastes repair."

And the result is, there has been a shaking among the dry bones, and the breath has come from the four winds, and breathed upon the slain and they live. And though all the members of this body cannot fully participate in this statement, as will appear from the reports of the several County Conferences, yet there are those who have heard a sound as in the top of the mulberry trees, and felt that the Lord has come. *We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen.* There are several instances of attention to religion within the bounds of this Conference, of a very encouraging aspect. The goings of our God are seen in the sanctuary, and sinners are found inquiring what they must do to be saved. *This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.*

County of Oxford.—This Conference embraces 18 churches, and 12 pastors. The number added to the several churches the last year is 179; the number removed by dismission, by excommunication, and by death, is 32; leaving connected with the Conference, as reported, 815.

"The General state of religion in this Conference is low.

OXFORD.	Rev. Carlton Hurd, Br. Leander Gage.
LINCOLN.	Br. N. Coffin, Rev. E. G. Babcock.
KENNEBEC.	Br. Thomas Rice, Rev. George Shepherd.
SOMERSET.	Rev. Josiah Peet, Br. John Loring.
HANCOCK.	Br. Thomas Adams, Rev. John Crosby.
WASHINGTON.	Rev. Wakefield Gale, Br. John Dickinson.

Dr. Gillet introduced the following resolution—*Resolved*, by this Conference, that warmly approving the great objects of the American Colonization Society, and rejoicing in its progress and success, they would earnestly recommend it to the prayers and patronage of the Congregational churches in this State, and invite the clergy in connexion with them, especially to remember it on the approaching anniversary of our National Independence. Contributions in aid of this cause are peculiarly appropriate to that day which reminds us that we are freemen; and our obligations of gratitude to Almighty God, with a deep sense of our great guilt as a nation in having inflicted innumerable wrongs upon Africa, loudly call upon us as men, as patriots, and as christians, to unfeigned repentance before God, and to unremitted efforts by a calm, prudent, and conciliatory course of measures to redress these wrongs to the full extent of our power. This resolution being seconded by Rev. B. Tappan, was adopted.

The Report on the state of religion within the limits of the Conference was then read by Rev. C. Marsh, Cor. Sec. pro tempore. The reading of this document was followed by extemporaneous narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the several foreign bodies represented in the Conference. The exercises of the forenoon were closed by uniting in prayer with Rev. F. Holt.

The solemnities of the afternoon were introduced by uniting in prayer with Rev. J. W. Ellingwood. The sermon before the Conference was then delivered by Rev. W. Allen, from John xvii, 17: *Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.*

with one another, and giving good attendance on the means of grace. A pleasing attention to religion has been witnessed in connection with three of these churches.

But we have great cause for humility and concern in view of the low state of religion generally in our churches; that we experience no more of the Spirit's influences; that revivals are so unfrequent, and, when they have commenced, been of such limited extent, and of such transient continuance. We feel that it deeply concerns our churches to inquire into the cause, search out our deficiences, humble ourselves before God, betake ourselves to prayer and holy efforts in the cause of Christ, till we obtain the smiles of heaven, and witness a better state of things in our Zion."

Lincoln.—This Conference embraces 18 churches; 9 of them have pastors, and one a stated supply. The whole number reported, 1127—161 added the last year. It was stated the last year, that God had done great things in the town of Phipsburg. The work has been extensive and of an interesting character. Many of the subjects of the work are heads of families. As the fruits of this work, 80 have professed Christ before the world, some of them from that class of men who do business on the great waters.

In Camden there has been a pleasing attention to religion—25 have recently united with the church.

The pastor of the church in Waldoboro' says: "This church has, during the past season, experienced severe trials from enemies without. But though persecuted, we are not destroyed, nor materially weakened. At the present time, we are in the undisturbed enjoyment of our civil rights and religious privileges. The bonds of Christian fellowship have been strengthened by our trials, and we are not without a confident hope that much good will result from what was evidently intended for evil. Brethren, "Pray for us," that we may not "render evil for evil;" that brotherly love may continue, and that our afflictions may be for the furtherance of the gospel."

Kennebec.—Nineteen churches, 10 pastors, 1023 mem-

bers. Within the year a church has been formed in the North Parish, in Augusta. Twelve of its original members were from other churches—18 were received from the world, the most of whom were the fruits of a revival that commenced last summer, and which has not entirely subsided. Twelve have been added the present year. Some have joined a Baptist Church in Windsor. The number of conversions within the range of 50 families is not far from 50. They will probably soon build a house for God. There has been some special attention in three other towns; and in another there have of late been a few striking cases of conversion, and there are some inquirers belonging to a female Bible-class.

CUMBERLAND.—Connected with this Conference, are 32 churches, and 21 pastors; one has a stated supply—2682 members. There have been no revivals of religion in this Conference the year past. At their semi-annual meeting a few weeks since, the account given of the state of religion encouraged the hope, that God had not entirely forsaken the churches. The meeting was one of deep interest, and many were ready to say, *We would see Jesus.*

YORK.—Twenty-one churches, 15 pastors, 1216 members. The last year for the most part was a year of religious declension. But in several instances, God "has reversed our heavy doom," and "revived our dying graces." In as many as 8 towns, there are tokens of the special operations of the Holy Ghost. The work in some instances has become somewhat extensive, and is of deeply interesting character. It is not like the *wind*, or *the earthquake*, or *the fire*, but like the *still small voice* of Jehovah's grace. As there is but little excitement of animal feeling, it is reasonable to conclude there will be a deeper and a more abasing excitement of the heart. In most instances the stillness strikingly resembles that stillness which had, for sometime past, settled down upon our churches, with this *striking difference*, that was the stillness of death—the present, the stillness of life.

We have now, brethren, taken such a survey of the state of our Zion, as the materials furnished, and the hurry of the present occasion would enable us to. From the reports of the several County Conferences, though far from being perfect, it will be seen that 614 have been added by profession, and 114 by letter the last year; 132 have died, 38 have been dismissed and recommended, and 25 have been excommunicated. *Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.* The present number as reported is 9115, a few less than were reported last year. The reason of this is, the reports of the County Conferences are incomplete. 10911 Sabbath scholars are reported, and 3009 Bible scholars, 15743 volumes in the Sabbath school library, 35 Bible Societies, 72 Tract Societies, 40 Sabbath Union Societies, 26 Domestic Mission Societies, 10 Foreign Mission Societies, and 55 Temperance Societies.

Had the reports of the C. Conferences been full, all these numbers would have considerably increased, and some of them doubled. For instance, only 55 Temperance Societies are reported, when it is supposed there are more than 100 in the State, and nearly all of them active and efficient. They are composed of the more substantial and efficient portions of the community, and include a large proportion of the young. Some notorious drunkards have been reclaimed, and some of them give evidence of piety. From 150 to 200 decidedly intemperate persons have been reformed in this State, within two years.

It is the decided opinion of the late agent of the American Temperance Society, in this State, after much inquiry, that this reformation saves to the people of this State in the bare cost of spirits, not less than $500,000! The number of lives preserved from destruction none can tell, and the amount of moral evil prevented is known only to God. We think we see in this work the harbinger of better days for our churches.—

The friends of temperance should then be encouraged to go forward, and never be weary in well-doing.

Sabbath Schools are advancing. And in proportion as Christians feel them to be intimately connected with the prosperity of our churches, the more interest will be taken in Sabbath School instruction. Every friend of Zion and of his country then should hail with gratitude the late movements of the American Sunday School Union, and encourage them to go on, and establish Sabbath Schools throughout the great valley of Mississippi, and in this way paralize those dark and portentious efforts now making to subvert all that is lovely and of good report in this fair heritage of God.

We have, brethren, still to lament the awful desecration of the Christian Sabbath. After all the exceptions, which can be made in regard to Sabbath breaking, it will hold fearfully true, that as a nation, the Sabbath, which was originally hallowed by God, and which is the great elixir of moral life to all that is dear to us in a civil and religious point of view in this great Republic, is trampled under foot. The Christian and philanthropist, every lover of his country and of his God, must lend a helping hand. They must have the importunity of the widow, who obtained her cause, though her judge neither feared God nor regarded man.

Finally, brethren, let us come up to our work; let us bind the gospel to our hearts, and carry out into holy action, its life-giving principles. We have nothing to fear if we maintain a walk with God. It is important that we discern *the signs of the times*. And though in discerning them, we shall be convinced that the present is emphatically a time for action, yet we cannot be too deeply impressed, that without Christ we *can do nothing*. If ever we have the spirit of heaven and gain access to the throne of grace, and are able to "move that hand which moves the world," it is when we feel as sinking Peter felt, and cry in faith, *help, Lord, we perish*. This is the feeling of angels and glorified spirits. They never forget, no, not for a mo-

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		By Prof.	By letter	By death	By dism.	By Exc.						Bible	Tract	Sabb. Uni'n	Dom. Miss.	For. Miss.	Tem.
Anson,							22	1	24				1				
Bingham,							45										
Bloomfield,	Fifield Holt,						64		70	15			1		1	1	
Fairfield,			3				26										
Freeman,							10										
Industry,							38	1	24				1			1	
Madison,	Josiah Tucker,			1			18	2	30	25	160			1		1	
Mercer,		11	1	1			41	9	90		96		1				
New Vineyard,	David Turner,						11	2					1				
Norridgewock,	Josiah Peet,				2		78	5	85		250		1	1		1	
Phillips,		10	2				31		20								1
Solon,	G. W. Fargo,			1	2		24		20		50		1			1	
Starks,				1			9										
Strong,	Jacob Hardy,	6					57	6	50				1		1	1	1
Kingfield,							10										
Fifteen Churches,	Six settled Pastors,	27	6	4	4		489	26	413	40	496		8	2	2	6	2

YORK.

Names of the Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Whole No. members	B'ptisms	No. S.S. scholars	No. Bib. Class scholars	Vols. in S.school Library	Benevolent Societies					
		By Prof.	By letter	By death	By dism.	By Exc.						Bible	Tract	Sabb. Un.	Dom. Miss	For. Miss	Tem.
Alfred,	D. D. Tappan,	1					66	5									
Buxton,	L. Loring,	3		1			88	3									
Berwick,	J. Hilliard,			1	2		34										
South Berwick,	S. H. Keeler,			2			60										
Biddeford, 1st and 2nd,	C. Marsh,	5		1	1		126	13									
Union, Kennebunk,	B. Greene,						39										
Kennebunk Port,	Destitute,	3				3	127										
Kittery Point,	S. Merrill,						37	2									
Lyman,	J. Calef,	1		4			51										
Lebanon,	J. Weston,	1					104	5									
Limerick,	C. Freeman,	4		1	1		59	14									
Limington,	C. F. Page,	4		2	2		45	2									
Newfield,	C. S. Adams,	5					32										
Parsonsfield,	Destitute,	6		1	1		29										
Saco,	S. Johnson,	11		3	3		143	11									
Sanford,	E. Bacon,	3					16	1									
Shapleigh West,	C. Parker,	1			1		25										
Wells,	W. Clark,						142										
2d York,	Destitute,				1		9										
19	16	48		17	11	3	1232	56									

WASHINGTON.

Names of the Churches.	Pastors.	Additions. By prof.	Additions. By lett'r	Removals. By dt'h	Removals. By dis.	Removals. By Ex	whole No. mem.	Bap-tisms	No. schol-ars.	No. bible cl. sc	Vols. in S. S.Lib.	Benevolent Societies. bible	tr't	sab. Un.	dom mis.	for. mis	tem
1st Evan.Congregational West Machias.	Rev. M. Steele, and A. Jackson,			2			133	7	120		284		1		1		1
do. do. East Machias,	Rev. W. Lewis.			2			81		110				1				1
do. do. Dennysville,							37										1
do. do. Lubec,							36		120		200			1			2
do. do. Eastport,	Rev. W. Gale,	2	5	2			26	11									
do. do. Perry,	B. Roberts,	14			1		37	12									
do. do. Robbinston,	C. White,				2		10	1	74		60						
do. do. Calais,	A. B. Church,	2	2				25	5	179		250			2		1	1
do. do. Cooper,		4	3				14		9								1
9	7	22	10	6	3		399	36	412		794		2	3	1	1	7

PENOBSCOT.

Brownville,	Nathan W. Sheldon,		1		2		64	15	50		70		1		1	1	1
Milo,	None.		2				16	4	30		75						1
Foxcroft,	Thomas Williams,	1	2				63	8	80		150		1	1		1	1
Garland,	Isaac E. Wilkins,		2		3	1	31	5			50		1	1		1	1
Dixmont,	None.						9	2									
Exeter,	None.						11		50								
Sangerville,	Henry Sewall supplies,		2				17	2									
Hampden,	Stephen A. Loper,						40	2	150	20	150	1					1
Bangor,	Swan L. Pomroy,	5	4	3	3	1	214	24	300		550	1					
Brewer, 1st church,	None, sup. by Pro. Smith	1		2			50	7	35	20	70						1
Orono,	None.						31		50	10	96		1	1			
11	5	7	13	5	8	2	546	69	755	50	1211	2	4	3	1	3	6

KENNEBEC.

Names of Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Whole No. membs.	b'plisms	No. S. scholars	No. Bib. class scholars	Vols. in Sab.sch. Library.	Benevolent Societies.					
		By Prof.	By letter	By death	By dism.	By Exc.						Bible	Tr'ct	Sab. union	Dom. miss.	For. miss.	Tem.
Albion,	Daniel Lovejoy,*	1	2				29	7	20	20							1
Augusta,	Benjamin Tappan,	4	1	2	10		121	15	150	50	250	1	1	1	1	1	
Chesterville,	Jotham Sewall,	1	1			1	49										1
Clinton,	N. Bishop,	4		1			24	7	110	20	173	1	1	1			
Farmington,	Isaac Rogers,	6	1	1			81	8	100	40	250	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hallowell,	George Shepard,	3	2	3	1		142		135	100		1	1	1	1	1	
Litchfield,			2				43	2									
New Sharon,	Joseph Underwood,			1		2	47	4	76		120	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pittston,							33		60		120		1	1			
Sidney,		2	8				10	4									
Temple,	Simeon Hacket,	4	1	1			42	5	15	20	30		1	1	1		
Unity,							8										
Vassalborough,	Thomas Adams,				4	1	92	7	100		200	1	1	1	1	1	1
Waterville,							12		76		200	1	1				
Weld,	Hermon Stinson,			1			54	1	189	100	253		1	1			
Wilton,							17		80	40	200		1	1	1	1	
Windsor,							25										
Winslow,	William May,	4	1				35	12				1			1		1
Winthrop,	David Thurston,	1	1	4	5	1	169	18	195	20	285	1	1	1	1	1	1
19	12	30	20	14	20	5	1033	90	1306	410	2081	9	12	11	9	7	7

* Pastor also of the churches in Unity, Windsor, and Washington.

LINCOLN.

Names of Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Whole No. membs.	b'ptisms	No. S. scholars	No. Bib. class scholars	Vols. in Sab.sch Library	Benevolent Societies.					
		By Prof.	By letter	By death	By dism.	By Exc.						Bible	Tr'ct	Sab. union	Dom. Miss.	For. Miss.	Tem.
Phipsburg,	John Boynton,	63	4		1		146	38	75	5 b. c.d	240	1	1	1			
Topsham,	Jacob C. Goss,																
Richmond,																	
Woolwich,	Jonathan Adams,	7		2			75	3									
Alna,		2			1		47	6								2	1
Edgecomb,	Daniel Kendrick,*	10		3	1		107	55	140	20	300	1		1	1	2	1
Boothbay,																	1
Newcastle,	Jotham Sewall, jr.	2		1	1		71	6	170	12	400					1	1
Bristol,	Nathaniel Chapman,				6		37		90		200	1	1	1	1	1	1
Waldoborough,	D. M. Mitchell,	16	1	1	2		121	23	100	40	360	1	1	1	1	2	1
2d chh. Warren,	Saml. Stone,	7	4				60	2	155		241		1		1		1
Thomaston,				2			128	1									
Union,	Seneca White,			4	1		47						2		1	1	
South, in Bath,		1		2	3		93	4	106	75	330	1	1		1	2	
North, in Bath,	J. W. Ellingwood,	8	1	1	5	5	156	10	120	124	300	1	1		1	2	
Washington,																	
Camden,	D. Adams,	2	1	1	2	1	50	1	121	100	270	1	1	1	1	2	1
2d, Wiscasset,	E. G. Babcock,	23	9				32	16	50	20	100					1	1
18	12	141	20	17	23	6	1170	165	1127	391	2741	7	9	5	8	16	9

* Stated supply.

CUMBERLAND.

Names of the Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Whole No. members.	Baptisms	No. S. scholars	No. Bib. class scholars	Vols. in S.chool Library.	Benevolent Societies.					
		By Prof.	By letter.	By death	By dism.	By Exc.						Bible	Tract	Sab. union	Dom miss.	For. miss.	Tem.
Baldwin and Sebago,	Noah Emerson,	2		1			23	8	40	30	250		2	2			1
Brunswick,	George E. Adams,	3	1	3	1	1	95		3	50	300	1	2	1		1	1
Cape Elizabeth,	Isaac Esty,	1	1	1			26		120		190			1			
Cumberland,	Isaac Weston, *stated preacher.*			3	1		78	3	100	20	200	1	1			2	
Danville,							11					1					
Durham,	J. Herrick,		1		1		25		60		25						
Falmouth,	William Miltimore,	2		1	3		90		60	30							
Freeport,			1	1	3		111	5	105	30	400	1	1	1		1	1
Gorham,	T. Pomeroy,	8		4	6	2	153	6	200	100	600	1	1	1	1	2	1
Gray,	S. H. Peckham,	1			1		50	7	90	20	177		1	1			1
Harrison,		3					21	2	25				1				
Harpswell,		1		1			29	2	30		72		1				
Hebron and West Minot,	James Gooch,	1	3	1	5		49	2	48	30							
Lewiston,							10		33		60	1	1				1
New Gloucester,	Benjamin Rice,		1	1			125	1	200	25	100	1	1	1			
1st North Yarmouth,	David Shepley,	6	4	2	2		198	12	225	150	413	1	1	1	1	2	1
2d North Yarmouth,	Caleb Hobart,			1	4	1	101	8	100	100		1	1	1		2	1
Poland,	J. P. Richardson,	1	2	2			54	1	30		80	1	1	1	1		
2d Church, Portland,	Bennet Tyler,	21	9	4	2		527		334	100							
3d Church, Portland,	Charles Jenkins,	5	7	4			189	15	229	100	300						
Pownal,	Perez Chapin,	48	2	2	1		116	40	100	25	100		1	1		1	1
Raymond,							20										
1st Church, Scarborough,	Thomas Jameson,	3	1	2	2		60	19	90		75		1	1			1
2d Church, Scarborough,	Moses Sawyer,						14										
Standish,	Thomas Tenny,	2		6			110		75		75	1		1		1	1
Westbrook,	Henry C. Jewett,	3	3	2	2		105	9	200	75	210		1			2	2
Windham,	William Gragg,	1			2		10		40		62		1				
Bridgton,	Daniel Newell,																
Minot,	Elijah Jones,	2		2	3		203	8	250	40	205	1	1		1	1	1
Chapel Church, North Yarmouth,																	
Otisfield,	J. G. Merrill,	2		1			86	3	55	30	150	1	1		1		
Chapel Church, Portland,																	
South Bridgton,																	
33	Settled 23. One not settled.	116	36	45	59	4	2682	151	2892	955	4044	15	21	14	5	15	14

OXFORD.

Names of Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Whole No. membs.	b'ptisms	No. S. scholars	No. Bib. class scholars	Vols. in Sab.sch. Library.	Benevolent Societies.					
		By Prof.	By letter	By death	By dism.	By Exc.						Bible	Tr'ct	Sab. union	Dom. miss.	For. miss.	Tem.
Albany,	Thomas Ayer,						50						1			1	
Andover,	Thomas T. Stone,			2													1
Bethel,	Charles Frost,	19		1			98										1
Brownfield,		2			2		34										
Dixfield,		12	1				33	6	20				1				1
Fryeburg,	Carleton Hurd,	4	3	2	2		110		90	40	250	1	1	1		2	1
Gilead,	Henry White,	1	1	1		1	39				100						
Hiram,																	
Lovell,	Valentine Little,		2	1			41	4	60	20	159	1	1	1		1	
Norway,	Henry A. Merrill,	3		1	4		88	5			30	1	1			1	1
Oxford,							15										
Otisfield,	Josiah G. Merrill,																
Paris,	Joseph Walker,	7			3		86	7	55	50	128		1			1	
North Paris,		1	1				12	5									
Rumford,	Daniel Gould,	16	1		4	1	108	15									
Sumner,	Samuel Sewall,			2			71			25			1				1
Sweden,	Valentine Little,						16										
Turner,	Allen Greely,						64	1	20		75	1	1			1	
Waterford,	John A. Douglas,	3			1	1	100	5	104	30	230	1	1			1	1
19	14	168	9	13	16	3	815	38	349	165	992	5	9	2		7	7

HANCOCK & WALDO.

Names of the Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Whole No. member	Baptism	No. S.S. scholars.	No. Bib. class sch	Vols. in S.S.Lib	Benevolent Societies.					
		By Prof.	By lett'r	By de'th	By disin.	By Exc.						Bible.	Tract	Sabb. Union	Dom. Miss.	For. Miss.	Temp
Jackson & Brooks,	Abel G. Duncan,	00	01	00	01	00	40	03	50	60	130		01				
Swanville,		00	00	00	00	00	17	04	20	00	00		00				
Frankfort,		00	00	00	00	00	16	00	30	00	42		01				
Belfast, 1st Church,		00	00	03	01	00	76	06	40	00	60		01	1			
Prospect,	Stephen Thurston,	00	00	01	00	00	137	04	110	100	200		11	1			1
Brooksville,	Manning Ellis,	00	00	01	00	00	11	01	25	20	00		01			1	1
Ellsworth,	Peter Nourse,	00	00	01	01	00	38	04	15	30	00		00				
Sullivan,		00	00	00	00	00	8	00	00	00	00		00				
Sedgwick,		00	02	00	00	00	20	00	00	00	00		00				
Mt. Desert,	Ebenezer Eaton,	06	00	03	00	01	149	00	00	00	00		00				
Bluehill,	Jonathan Fisher,	00	00	01	00	00	80	02	00	08	00		00	1		2	
Deer Isle.	Abijah Wines,	00	00	02	00	00	78	04	50	00	00		00				1
Castine, Trin.	John Crosby,	09	00	00	02	01	39	16	100	40	00	01	01			2	1
Bucksport,	Mighill Blood,	43	02	00	00	00	86	27	127	00	187		01				11
14	9	58	5	11	5	2	795	71	567	258	619	1	7	3		5	5

RECAPITULATION.

Oxford, churches,	19	14	168	9	13	16	3	815	38	349	165	992	5	9	2		7	7
Washington,	9	7	22	10	6	3	0	389	36	412		794	0	2	3	1	1	7
Penobscot.	11	5	7	13	5	9	2	546	69	735	50	1211	2	4	3	1	3	6
Somerset,	15	6	27	6	4	4	0	489	26	413	40	496	0	8	2	2	6	2
Lincoln,	18	12	141	20	17	23	6	1170	165	1127	391	2741	7	9	5	8	16	9
Hancock and Waldo,	14	9	58	5	11	5	2	795	71	567	258	619	1	7	3	00	5	5
Kennebec,	19	12	30	20	14	20	5	1033	90	1306	410	2081	9	12	9	9	7	7
Cumberland,	33	23	116	36	45	39	4	2682	151	2892	955	4044	13	21	14	5	15	14
York,	19	16	48		17	11	3	1232	56	1223	300	2981						
	157	104	617	119	132	129	25	9161	672	9024	2569	15959	37	72	41	26	60	57

MINUTES

OF

NERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN FRYEBURG,

JUNE 21, 1831.

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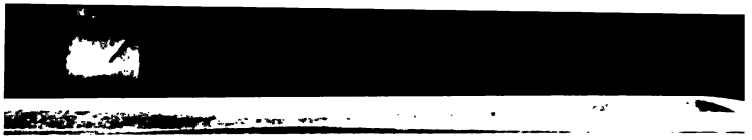

MINUTES.

General Conference of Maine assembled according to ment in the Meeting-house of Rev. Carlton Hurd in urg, June 21, 1831, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The follow- legates from the several County Conferences were pres-

Rev. Levi Loring,
Rev. Charles S. Adams,
Rev. William Clark,
Dea. J. Garland. } *York.*

Rev. Benjamin Rice,
Rev. Caleb Hobart, } *Cumberland.*

Rev. Joseph Walker,
Rev. Valentine Little,
Rev. John A. Douglass,
Brother J. Burbank. } *Oxford.*

Rev. Daniel Lovejoy,
Rev. William May,
Rev. N. Bishop,
Brother —— Strickland, } *Kennebec.*

Rev. Ansel Hubbard, *Penobscot.*

Rev. Josiah Peet,
Rev. G. W. Fargo, } *Somerset.*

ox, Hancock, and Waldo, and Washington, were not ented.

following members ex officiis were present: Rev.

Messrs. Asa Cummings, T. Pomeroy, A. Greeley, D. Thurston, B. Tappan, J. W. Ellingwood, D. M. Mitchell, S. Johnson, T. Jameson, D. Shepley, C. Frost, J. Uunderwood, and C. Hurd, and Brother E. Shepley.

No Delegates were present from foreign corresponding bodies.

The Rec. Secretary being providentially absent, Rev. D. M. Mitchell was elected Rec. Sec. pro tempore, and Rev. A. Greeley, Assistant.

It was voted, that ordained Congregational Ministers present be invited to take seats, in this body, and share in its deliberations.

Rev. Messrs. Loring and Walker, and Dea. Garland were appointed a committee of nominations.

Rev. Messrs. Greeley, Mitchell and Pomeroy, were appointed a committee of enrolment.

The Treasurer's account was exhibited, and Rev. A. Cummings was appointed auditor of the same. The auditor reported, and the account was accepted.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. After a season of devotion in which Rev. Mr. Walker led, Mr. Bullard, Agent of the M. S. S. Union, addressed the meeting, and was followed by Rev. Messrs. Marsh and Fuller.

Public religious services were resumed. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Chapin, and a discourse was delivered by Rev. Mr. Shepley, followed by an address by Rev. Mr. D. D. Tappan, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Lovejoy.

After the Congregation were dismissed the Conference resumed their appropriate business. Reports from Rev. Messrs. Adams, Thurston and Jameson, delegates to corresponding bodies, were made and accepted.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, to-morrow, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. The committee appointed to visit the Bangor Seminary reported, and the report was ac-

cepted. The Report recommended the appointment of a committee to take into consideration the state of the Seminary, and report at the present meeting. Rev. Messrs. Jones, Johnson and Shepley, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The committee of nominations made a report, and it was recommitted to the same committee.

Voted to adjourn to to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Sewall. The committee on nominations reported the following persons as Delegates to corresponding bodies, which report was accepted.

General Assembly of the Pres. Church.

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,
Dea. J. M. Hayes.

Substitutes.

Rev. C. Hurd,
Br. E. Shepley.

General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. S. Johnson,
Rev. G. Shepherd.

Substitutes.

Rev. E. Jones,
Rev. B. Tappan.

General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. B. Rice,
Rev. C. Hobart.

Substitutes.

Rev. W. Clark,
Rev. H. A. Merrill.

General Association of New-Hampshire.

Rev. G. E. Adams,
Rev. T. Tenney,

Substitutes.

Rev. J. Sewall, Jr.
Rev. M. T. Harris.

General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. P. Chapin,
Rev. J. Peet.

A season was spent in attending to very interesting details of the progress of revivals in different portions of our Zion, in offering devout thanksgiving to God for these displays of his grace, and in earnest prayer for their continuance and extension. The Report on the state of the churches was then read by the Corresponding Secretary. The season was one of deep and affecting interest.

In the afternoon the public religious services commenced with singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Johnson. The sermon before the Conference was delivered by Rev. J. W. Ellingwood from Rev. 11: 7. After which a collection was taken up amounting to fifty dollars. The sacrament was administered by Rev. Messrs. Lovejoy and Thurston followed by an address by Rev. B. Tappan.

After the public services were closed, the Conference proceeded to attend to unfinished business. The Committee appointed for that purpose, reported Rev. B. Tappan first preacher and Rev. B. Tyler second preacher; and the following a committee to visit the Bangor Seminary.

York. Rev. S. Johnson and Br. E. Shepley.
Cumberland. Rev. G. E. Adams and Prof. Newman.
Oxford. Rev. A. Greeley and Dr. Barrows.
Lincoln. Rev. R. Woodhull and Br. W. Wood.
Kennebec. Rev. T. Adams and Br. S. Brown.
Somerset. Rev. J. Tucker and Br. W. B. Adams.
Hancock and Waldo. Rev. T. Fitch and Dea. B. Blodget.
Washington. Rev. A. B. Church and G. Downes.

Rev. T. Pomeroy was chosen Treasurer.

Voted, That the appropriating committee be the same as last year.

Voted, That the printing of the minutes of the Conference be referred to the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries.

Voted, That the next annual meeting be on the Tuesday preceding the 4th Wednesday in June, 1832, at the Congregational Meeting-house in Wiscasset.

Voted to adjourn.

D. M. MITCHELL, *Rec. Sec. pro tem.*

REPORT

On the state of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

Beloved Brethren,

At no previous anniversary has our survey of the churches, represented in this meeting, failed to bring under our notice causes of grief, as well as congratulation and praise. And even at the present time, distinguished as it is for the demonstrations of divine mercy and faithfulness, the tidings brought hither from different portions of the heritage, in which God has assigned as our lot, are not tidings of unmingled joy. Portions of it, we are obliged to say, are 'like the heath in the desert, which knoweth not when good cometh;' while from other sections the sounds of 'joy and gladness are heard; yea, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. The Lord hath visited his people, and made bare his holy arm for their salvation.'

Washington Conference.—The brethren embraced by this Conference occupy the Eastern frontier of our State, and the remoteness of their situation deprives us almost entirely of the benefit of their presence in our annual convocation for prayer and praise, and for rehearsing what the Lord hath done for us. For the same reason we are seldom instructed by their counsels, or quickened by their exhortations. And yet we esteem them as behind none of their brethren for faithful and efficient service in the cause of our gracious Redeemer. In connection with other valuable citizens of that county, they were the *first*, and still are among the most thorough, energetic, and persevering in the cause of Temperance; and their success has corresponded with their exertions. Almost a year ago the Temperance Society of Calais contained 200 members; and

the town had voted by a large majority not to give any license for the sale of ardent spirits. And in Perry, so prosperous is the cause, that ardent spirits are sold at only one place, and that quite sparingly; whereas, a short time since, they could be procured at 13 different houses. The progress of the cause in all our towns, says their report, is equally pleasing and wonderful. All the churches make mention of good accomplished by means of S. schools, and S. S. libraries; and this method of doing good is presented in several of the churches with exemplary energy. The Bible, Tract, and Missionary cause, are gaining ground, and the public objects of benevolence generally are receiving increased attention. The Spirit is helping the infirmities of these distant and scattered brethren, and augmenting their numbers. One of these little flocks in the wilderness has increased during the year from 8, to 25. The aggregate of members connected with this Conference, is 431—whole annual increase 44. Two of the nine churches in this county are still without pastors; and all but two need and receive missionary aid.

Hancock and Waldo.—This Conference comprises 15 churches and 11 pastors. The number added by profession has only been sufficient to cancel the number removed by death. The whole number of members reported is 803, including the newly formed church at Mariaville, there has been a net gain of 8 members, and only 8. Their last report is very lean and very desponding. Several of their churches are in a languishing condition. That at Swanville had had preaching only four Sabbaths during the year. The Temperance cause had in some towns advanced, in others it had been stationary, and in others it had lost ground. The system of monthly tract distribution had been adopted in Prospect, Bucksport, and Castine; and the brethren there are exerting themselves in other ways for the promotion of the general interests of religion. In this day of wonders to Zion, says their scribe, we are left without

any special revival. In a letter written the present month, he says, several additions have been made to the church in Belfast, [since the date of the report.] Things have looked hopeful in the church at Bucksport recently—a four days' meeting was held there the first of the present month—it was well attended; but it is not yet time to speak with confidence of its result. Other meetings of the same character are in contemplation in other churches.

Penobscot.—Last year this Conference embraced 11 churches, and 546 members; the present year it embraces 14 churches and 665 members, making an increase of 119. Some of these churches are destitute of pastors. This Conference has adopted systematic measures for the advancement of Sabbath Schools and other benevolent enterprises, and a good degree of resolution and energy marks all its proceedings. One church had been organized within the year, and one pastor dismissed, and one who officiated in behalf of one of the churches, has been removed by death; and by the same event, our only Theological Seminary has been bereaved of its only remaining Instructer, to the grief of our community generally.

Some idea of the relative strength of religion in Penobscot County may be learnt from the following extract from the last report of this Conference. "Were the members of our communion equally distributed throughout the county, they would be to the whole population, as 1 to 50. And what are they among so many? This consideration alone is sufficient to show that no salutary influence can be exerted by them, unless they are active, decided and faithful."

The report closes thus—

"In every communication received the state of religious feeling is represented as low. And doubtless there is much in our churches which we should deplore, and for which we should humble ourselves before God. Yet other disclosures are made which show, that in connection with almost every church in this conference, a strong moral and religious feeling pre-

vails. This appears in the bold and successful measures to promote temperance; in the flourishing condition of our Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes; in the order and harmony of our churches; in the steady adherence to the doctrines of the gospel; and in the general performance of the duties enjoined by the laws of Christ's house. Is it not therefore possible that while joining in the universal lamentation we have overlooked these tokens of the presence and power of religion? May not our disappointment, when we have found the fading leaf of autumn instead of the freshness and beauty of spring, or the vigor of summer, have led us to pass without notice the *ripening fruit*. There certainly can be no religion without *feeling*, yet this feeling in individuals and communities must exhibit the tenderness of spring, the strong expansion of summer or the fruit-bearing maturity of autumn. But, if analogy allow us to comfort ourselves thus far, it will not suffer us to go farther. There need not, and should not, be any *winter* in our religion. We should ever remember that *herein* is our Father glorified that we bear much fruit. Thus only can we be the disciples of the Lord."

Since the time of meeting, last January, when the report was written, considerable changes have taken place in the prospects of these churches. A recent letter from the Clerk, says:

"The 'distressing divisions' in the second church in Brewer it is hoped are healed. The low state of religious feeling, at the time of the last meeting, has, in many churches, given place to a more elevated state; and in some this rising of Christians has been attended with strong religious impressions upon the minds of sinners. In Foxcroft the present state of feeling, both in and out of the church, is very hopeful. In Bangor it has been a season of peculiar interest. Many it is believed have been renewed by the Spirit of God. Many others have been awakened, felt their danger, inquired with deep solicitude for a way of escape, have been directed to Him who alone can shelter and save them, have looked at the gracious Saviour,

but——not for life. They have looked upon Him, but their hearts have not been drawn towards Him; and now they are turning back! In some other churches the prospects brighten. Those destitute of the stated means of grace are beginning to try their strength by making an effort to support ministers. It may, perhaps, be safely stated, that, taken as a whole, the prospects of the churches connected with this conference were never more encouraging than at the present time."

Somerset Conference has 15 churches; 5 settled and 2 officiating pastors, and 500 church members; additions the past year 30; net gain 11. The church in Starks has been dissolved, and a church has been organized in St. Albans, which enjoys for more than half the time the ministrations of the Rev. N. Douglas. Rev. Isaac Wilkins sustains a similar relation to the church in Fairfield. The church in Bloomfield has been severely afflicted by the death of its active and diligent pastor, Rev. F. Holt, an affliction in which sister churches generally throughout the State deeply sympathize. Mr. Holt's influence and usefulness were not limited to his particular charge, but had a wide extent. The church in Strong is not wholly without apprehensions of being called to a similar trial, their pastor having been taken from his labors nearly half the year, by the loss of his health, with a very doubtful prospect of its restoration. There is not a congregational church in Somerset Co. that enjoys the entire labors of a pastor. Every minister divides his labors among several churches. The harvest field is wide, and the laborers are few. Four or five of the churches are deplorably destitute of preaching, crying loudly for help and unable to help themselves. Those in Solon, Madison, Mercer, Fairfield, and St. Albans, have exerted themselves more than ever before to secure gospel privileges. On the last four, as also on the church in Strong, some mercy drops have fallen during the year. Some have been converted and added to the church, some are hoping, and others inquiring. There is no powerful revival in all the county, unless an ex-

reputation should be made in favor of one prevailing among the different denominations in Kingfield. Though our brethren there regard the state of religion as lamentably low, they still cherish the hope that God is *near* and willing to bless them—that the churches are beginning to awake. The late meeting of their conference was protracted beyond the usual length, was a deeply interesting season, and has quickened and refreshed the people of God. Impressions are believed to have been made on the minds of some of the impenitent, which will result in saving benefit. The cause of truth is gaining ground; that of Sabbath Schools is making progress; that of Temperance advancing, the number of Societies having increased from 3 to 9, during the year. They desire the prayers of their brethren in the more favored portions of the State, that the cloud of mercy may visit them also.

Oxford Conference has 20 churches, 12 pastors, and 1040 members, not including those of the church in Andover, whose number is not returned; nor of the church in Otisfield which is also connected with the Cumberland Conference.—The number returned this year is 225 more than than that of the last year. Less than half this increase is by profession—it arises in part from the fact that more churches are reported.—The church in Paris has been the most signally favored of any in this Conference—a cloud of mercy having been distilling its precious and healthful dews for nearly the whole year, as the result of which many have been converted, and the church has received an accession of 43 members. It is also a time of hope and promise, as well as of solicitude, with the church in Norway. A new interest has been manifested there, developed in part by a protracted meeting recently held in that place, and some hopeful conversions have occurred. Nothing particularly encouraging has been communicated respecting the other churches in this Conference; and there is not known to be any thing in their condition and prospects, which in former times, would have been regarded as peculiarly discouraging.

But in this day of merciful visitation, that people has cause for alarming apprehensions, among whom religion does not actually revive—where souls it does not seize and absorb.

Kennebec Conference—20 churches—13 pastors—1132 members—gain since last year, 99. This Conference engages in promoting the benevolent enterprises of distributing the Bible and Tracts, promoting temperance, a cause which is there rapidly on the advance, and of Sabbath School instruction. The report of this Conference, which was drawn up in September last, notices the organization of a church in the North parish in Augusta under very favorable and interesting circumstances. It was constituted partly of such as had been professors of religion in three different denominations. Religion was in a degree reviving in Augusta, Clinton, Hallowell, Weld, Wilton, Winslow, and especially in Chesterville among different denominations. The account of several other churches was disheartening. Of the state of religion in this Conference, since the date of the report, a member gives the following account. During the winter there was an unusual attention to religion in the towns of Wilton and New Sharon, and quite a number of persons were encouraged to indulge hope in Christ, the most of them however have joined churches of other denominations. The same has been the result of the revival in Chesterville.

A very pleasing revival commenced last winter in the little society under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Starret at Litchfield. Sixteen persons have already joined the church, and a few more are expected to join.

At Albion, during the winter, there was a very general excitement—issuing in the hopeful conversion of many individuals. Ten or twelve have joined the congregational church.—Two or three years since, it required a great effort to sustain preaching a fourth part of the time. Now they have made arrangements very cheerfully to sustain it one half of the time, and are planning to build a house of prayer.

At Winthrop there has been for some time past a more than

usual interest—especially among young men. About 25 persons have joined the church since the year came in.

At Augusta, since the meeting of the Conference, about 15 persons have been added to the church. The first week in May there was a four days meeting. It was an occasion of deep interest, and has manifestly been blessed both to the church and people. The number of hopeful conversions has not been very great; but among the number are several influential men. The prospect is still encouraging.

At Vassalborough, a protracted meeting has been productive of very pleasing effects. There have been 12 or 15 cases of hopeful conversion, and a number more are anxious.

In Pittston the attention of the people has been very generally excited, especially in families connected with the church. From 30 to 40 are thought to give evidence of conversion.

Lincoln Conference includes 19 churches, embracing 1343 members, being 173 more than were reported the last year. There are 12 officiating pastors. One has been entirely taken from his work by the failure of his health, and others have had their labors interrupted by the same cause. At the date of the report, Phipsburg and Camden churches had received much larger accessions than any others in Lincoln. Since that time a revival of religion has been witnessed at Boothbay, which began auspiciously and was proceeding prosperously, till interrupted by a division which was excited by the interference of members of another communion. The consequences were deplorable; still the grace of God was not wholly frustrated, as it resulted in the addition of nearly 40 members to the congregational church.

In Bath also, a good work has been going on for some months, and is still in progress. About 50 have hopefully passed from death unto life.

Cumberland Conference.—Connected with this body are 34 churches. During the year previous to the last report, the

connection between five pastors and their respective charges had been dissolved, and two had been installed over previously destitute churches. 14 churches are now destitute. There had been added to the several churches in the Conference by profession, 150; the whole number of members is estimated at 2700. The church in the town of Cumberland had been visited with a precious season of revival, during which between 75 and 80 indulged hope in God's mercy. Of a Bible Class comprising about 40 females, 25 became hopefully pious; of another containing 15 or 20 young men, instructed by the senior deacon, about one half have expressed a hope in Christ. The *children of the covenant*, the heirs according to the promise, were generally taken, and distinguished in the bestowment of the divine Spirit. Bowdoin College, whose location is in Cumberland county, had been blessed with the visitations of the Holy Spirit. Many of its students had been solicitous for their souls, and in searching for the pearl of great price, while not a few trusted that they had found it. The report says—'Although this institution is not connected with any one church in particular, all the churches in this State ought to feel a deep interest in it. The moral and religious state of our Colleges has a decided bearing on the interests of religion and humanity throughout the country. We are called upon therefore to express our gratitude to God for that serious, deep, and special attention to religion which has recently existed among the students of this institution. Nor have we reason to despair, that the lamp of religion will soon shine brightly in all our seats of science, if the churches will but continue to remember them in humble and fervent supplication.' Notwithstanding two vacations have intervened, since the time to which reference is here made, it is still believed that the interest in religious concerns has not ceased, if indeed it has abated.

Since the last meeting of the Cumberland Conference the condition and prospects of several of its churches have materially changed. Those in Portland are enjoying a refreshing from

above. No inconsiderable number are believed to have been born again; and the anxious inquiry after the way of salvation has pressed with greater or less force upon hundreds of minds in that place. Some, who four months since, were living without the Christian's hope, and not very likely to seek it, have been mingling in the solemnities of this occasion with no small degree of interest and satisfaction. A protracted meeting held in that place in the spring contributed to these results, as the same means have to results similar in character, but varying in extent, in Gorham, Westbrook, Falmouth, Brunswick, second parish in North Yarmouth, and in Pownal. In Gorham the work is said to have been remarkably rapid in its earlier stages. In the 2d parish of North Yarmouth, the protracted meeting was one of very great solemnity—a widely extended interest on the subject of personal religion prevails there—10 or 12 have expressed hope, and anxious sinners may be found in every quarter of the parish.

To the first church in N. Yarmouth, the Lord has also magnified the riches of his grace. The presence of God has been there; but not in the tempest, the earthquake, or the fire. For the character of the work, as well as for the manner of carrying it forward, the Lord's name is to be praised. It is a precious testimony, at a time when it is much needed, that even in *this* day, God does not limit his blessing exclusively to one particular mode of applying the means of religion to the human mind. Of the subjects of the work, 57, including 20 now propounded, have united with the church.

The semi-annual meeting of the C. Conference, which was held at Pownal, the last week, was protracted through the third day, and the ardent expectation is indulged, that God will permit his people to speak of consequences, which shall be to the praise of his glorious grace.

York Conference.—Returns have been received from only a part of the churches. If those not heard from have not been diminished during the year, there were connected with the Con-

nce, 1305 church members, at their last annual meeting. Several churches were then reported as having been favored with a revival, particularly S. Berwick, Alfred, Biddeford and Limerick. But now, not only these places are visited with a shower [illegible], but Saco, Lyman, Elliot, Newfield, Parsonsfield, Acton, Limington, Wells, and other places, are enjoying a refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Respecting the revival in Wells the Pastor has furnished very full and very interesting details. It was preceded and its earlier stages attended by an uncommon spirit of prayer. 'Christians took God at his word, and believed he would hear prayer; and he in mercy did hear it.'

A deep solemnity pervaded assemblies for worship, and 'instances of conversion occurred, here and there, and multiplied from day to day. Such was the state of things when a three days meeting was held the last week in May. The people being prepared for the meeting, the presence of the Holy Ghost was most evident, and his power tremendous. Every truth uttered, every prayer offered, every remark made, deepened the impression, and increased the awful solemnity. Fifty persons, of every age, from 75 down to 10, attended the first inquiring meeting, and an *uncounted* number the second. I know, says the pastor, of but very few in the whole parish, who are not more or less anxious. I think it may be safely said, there are 300 persons, who would be called inquirers in any place. Of these, it is probably quite within the bounds of truth to say, 150 give satisfactory evidence of having submitted to the terms of the gospel. Within two months 50 fathers of families have erected the family altar. Six dealers in ardent spirits have banished this poison from their stores and their bars. One of them said he could not *pray*, so long as his rum barrels were in his store. Another could find no peace, till he had removed them from his. Accessions have been made to the Temperance Society of men who, before the revival, ridiculed and opposed it. The people have done nearly or quite

as much for benevolent objects, since the revival, as in the two years previous.

'This revival embraces almost all the principal and influential men in the parish. Among its subjects, too, are found the gray-headed infidel, the universalist, the profane swearer, and the notoriously wicked of all classes. The aspect of the place is entirely changed. One continued Sabbath seems to reign over the whole parish.'

The survey of our churches, which has now been taken, presents us with some verdant spots, where converts 'spring up as the grass, and as willows by the water courses.' Never has this portion of the Lord's heritage borne so much the appearance of fertility, and general prosperity. The time, the set time to favor Zion has come. She is an object of interest with her professed friends, beyond what has been usual among us. A spirit of grace and supplication has been poured out upon the churches. The ambassadors of Christ have gone forward to their work with increased ardor, strengthened faith, and raised expectation. An unction from the Holy One has come upon them, making it more and more their exclusive business to 'know nothing, save Jesus Christ and him crucified;' and the Lord has wrought with them. It were too much, however, to arrogate for the present laborers in the vineyard the entire instrumentality of all the good which has been effected, and which is now in progress. Many of the converts whom we are now welcoming to our churches, are, doubtless, the product of seed sown by our fathers, and watered by their prayers and tears. In others, we behold the remoter effects of Sabbath School and Bible Class instruction, which has been in a course of inculcation for years. Nor are we to forget, in accounting for the revival of God's work, what has been done to remove that greatest of all obstacles to its progress,—the manufacture, traffic, and use of ardent spirits:—an obstacle, however, which is yet but partially removed, and in many important sections of the State presents as formidable an aspect

as ever,—proving, it is feared, an occasion of stumbling to many, and of utter ruin to thousands.

The returns from a majority of the churches, having been made many months since, are far from representing their present actual condition, as to numbers. This is particularly the case with the York and Cumberland Conferences, hundreds in each of these counties having since, either been received, or are now regarded as fit subjects for church fellowship. These will come in to next year's report. But the fact affords delightful evidence, that God is specially present in many of our churches, and constitutes a motive to exertion and prayer too precious to be lost, or to be reserved for future application only. The dispensations of God's grace, the presence among us of the Holy Spirit with his quickening and sanctifying energies, conspire with the written word in assuring us, that "now is the accepted time, and now the day of salvation." Let us work while this day lasts. It is comparatively easy to labor, when Jehovah works with us; but woe unto us, if he depart. We shall 'labor in vain and spend our strength for nought.' The powers of darkness will prevail; the tide of human depravity will swell, and spread desolation over the field now budding with the richest promise. To sleep in this harvest time, were to incur interminable shame. To neglect or misemploy this day of grace, were to incur the doom of those, who "knew not the time of their visitation." With reference to our existing circumstances we might consecrate and apply the language of the poet:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune,
Omitted,—all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.

On such a full sea are we now afloat,
And we must take the current while it serves,
Or lose our ventures.'

RECAPITULATION.

Conferences.	Pastors.	Churches.	Members.	Increase.
Washington,	7	9	431	44
Hancock & Waldo,	11	15	803	8
Penobscot,	7	14	665	119
Somerset,	7	15	500	11
Oxford,	12	20	1040	225
Kennebec,	13	20	1132	99
Lincoln,	12	19	1343	173
Cumberland,	20	34	2700	150
York,	17	20	1305	73
	106	166	9919	902

About 130 Temperance Societies, embracing at least 7,800 members, have been organized in the State on the principle of total abstinence. Previously to the commencement of this work of mercy, it has been supposed that there were not less than 10,000 inebriates, and annually a thousand deaths by intemperance. The gloomy prospect was that they would proceed on, fill up the measure of their iniquities, and die in their sins. But it is a most encourging fact, that in 12 towns, containing 12,597 inhabitants, positive and unequivocal evidence has been given, that 84 drunkards have been thoroughly reformed. A striking illustration of what might be done is found in the success attending the exertions of a town in Washington County. Its population is a little rising of 1000. About five years ago a Temperance Society was formed. Previously to this, 10,000 gallons of ardent spirits was annually consumed, at an expense of $10,000. The consumption the last year amounted to 200 gallons. Before the reformation commenced, they had 17 licensed retailers; for the last year they had none. —*Mr. Thurston's Report to the General Assembly.*

N. B. The "Tabular View" is omitted the present year. Several Conferences have failed to send in their "Schedules," and those from several others are defective, exhibiting many blanks, in consequence, of the neglect of individual

churches to send in their returns to the Clerks of the Conferences. No good purpose could be answered by publishing Tables so deficient, and, therefore, their place is filled with other matter, which, it is thought, will be of service to our churches. They will see, from the notices which follow, the importance of zeal and diligence for their own sake, as well for the sake of such as are in danger of perishing. They must augment their exertions, or they will lose their relative importance among sister denominations.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

There are of this denomination in Maine, 202 Churches, 126 Elders, 30 Licentiates, 9437 members. Increase the last year, 1497. In other parts of the United States, 308 churches, 193 Elders, 78 Licentiates, 14,229 members. Total in the United States, as reported at their General Conference in 1831, 510 churches, 319 Elders, 108 Licentiates, and 23,666 members. Total increase for the year, 2788.

BAPTISTS.

The following table, abstracted from the Minutes of the several Baptist Associations for 1831, exhibits the number of Ordained Ministers, Licentiates, and Communicants in this denomination in Maine. The numbers for *Bowdoinham* are taken from the minutes of 1832.

Associations.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Members.
York,	25	2	1597
Cumberland,	7	1	1238
Oxford,	14	1	1288
Lincoln,	17	1	2196
Penobscot,	26	5	1701
Wells,	12	2	1119
Eastern Maine,	14	3	2389
Kennebec,	13	0	838
Bowdoinham,	23	3	1824
	151	18	14,170

METHODISTS.

The latest minutes of this body were not accessible, when this pamphlet went to press; but it is stated on the authority of two highly respectable and intelligent members of that community, that the number of members in this State is between 13,000 and 14,000.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

At the annual meeting of this body in 1830, there were returned 146 churches, 116 ministers, 7 candidates, and 12,867 communicants. The Statistics for 1831, have not come to hand; but it is known, that from 60 to 70 towns in N. Hampshire have, since last year, been blessed with revivals, that in many others there are encouraging appearances, and that a low estimate would make the number of conversions in the State, 3000.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

This Ecclesiastical Body embraces 207 churches, 143 ministers, 5 Licentiates, and 18,029 members. The narrative of the state of Religion, presented at their session in 1831, says:

"From every part of our beloved Zion, we are cheered with gracious tidings. Revivals of religion, numerous, powerful, and in many respects of a peculiarly happy character, have brought joy and gladness to this heritage of the Lord. The number of towns in this State is 245; the number in which are churches in connexion with this body, according to our last printed minutes, 197. The number in which revivals have been reported, is 99, besides many others not mentioned, in which conversions have taken place, and appearances are uncommonly favorable. These towns are situated in every part of the State. Many of these revivals have but just commenced, and the greater part of them are yet in progress; yet it is believed that the number of conversions already cannot be less than 5,500."

[The gentlemen appointed to represent this body in the next

General Conference of Maine, are Rev. E. J. Boardman and Rev. A. Drury; their substitutes, Rev. C. Noble and Rev. L. L. Tilden.]

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

At the meeting of this association, the present year, there were reported about 210 ministers, and between 32,000 and 33,000 communicants. Two District Associations, and many individual churches failed to report, which, if included, would probably increase the number to nearly 40,000 communicants. The following is an extract from their narrative of the state of Religion.

"Tidings are received from not less than a hundred churches within our limits, which fill our hearts with gladness and gratitude, and which we trust have spread joy among the angels of God; for many sinners have repented. Thousands have had their feet taken from the horrible pit and the miry clay, and set upon the rock, and a new song put into their lips even praise unto our God. The fruits of the Spirit have appeared in rich abundance. And while the work of God has been powerfully revived in the many places already alluded to, it may be said with truth that nearly all the churches within our borders appear to be awaking to their duty and their interest."

[Delegates from this body to Maine, Rev. Messrs. Erastus Clapp and Calvin Hitchcock, primaries; Rev. Messrs. G. W. Blagden, and Erastus Maltby, substitutes.]

RHODE ISLAND.

There were reported, last year, ten orthodox congregational churches in this State, each of which had a pastor, and all had been refreshed—the 10 churches then embraced 1000 communicants. They are associated together under the name of the *Evangelical Association of Rhode Island*; and were represented in the General Association of Massachusetts, the present year, as favored with revivals, and flourishing.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Extract from the Report of the Delegates from this Body to the General Assembly.

"The General Association of Connecticut was formed one hundred and twenty-three years ago. Its territory is 90 miles by 70 in extent, with a population somewhat less than 300,000. It includes twelve distinct associations of ministers, connected with 222 churches, of which 193 are believed to be supplied with pastors, leaving 29 at the present time vacant. The whole number of Congregational ministers reported on the list of the General Association, including the superannuated, and those employed as instructors of youth, or as agents of benevolent institutions, is 231. The number of communicants in our churches estimated at 30,000, or not far from one-tenth of the entire population.

"The reviving influences of the Holy Spirit have been poured out upon the Congregational churches of Connecticut. And as often as those churches have been blessed with revivals of religion, yet such revivals—in respect to the number of subjects, the rapidity of the work of conversion, the harmony of the churches and pastors, the absence of all to which the fastidious might plausibly object, and the overawing manifestation of the power of God—have rarely, if ever been witnessed before. Not fewer than fifty congregations have experienced, in a greater or less degree, the special visitation of the Spirit of God, since the commencement of the present year; and every week brings us the tidings that another and another of the churches is rejoicing in the same mercy of the Savior.—The cities of Hartford and New Haven have been particularly blessed. In Yale College about one hundred and twenty of the students have given evidence of having passed from death to life."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

From the Narrative of the state of Religion within the bounds of the Presbyterian church in the United States, presented at the meeting of the General Assembly, May 1831.

"The past year has been such a year of revivals and refreshing in the church as never before was known in the land.

"In former years details of revivals in the different *churches* have been given, but this year we can give only the name of the *Presbyteries*. And we are happy to say that forty-four have sent in reports of the visitation of God's Spirit, and of hundreds of sinners converted by his power.

"Besides these, some other Presbyteries have reported single churches which have been revived within their bounds.—The whole number of the churches thus visited is more than three hundred and fifty. Many of these revivals are at this time in progress, some of them increasing in power and interest, and almost every week adds the name of some new churches to the favored list. Our prayer to God is, that the number may never be diminished, nor the work decline, until not only every church, but every soul shall be blessed. How many are already subjects of renewing grace it is impossible to estimate with any degree of accuracy; but in this we may rejoice that many thousands of immortal souls who were but a few months ago enemies to Christ, and led captive by Satan, are now obedient servants to the Savior, and rational expectants of eternal glory."

Summary Statistical Report of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, for June 1st, 1831.

The General Assembly has now under its spiritual government *twenty Synods; one hundred and four Presbyteries;* 1554 ordained bishops; 216 licentiate preachers; 215 candidates in a course of preparation for the ministry; 2,253 churches; and 173,017 communicants. From April 1st, 1830, to April 1st, 1831, we have returns of 20,354 persons received

to the full communion of the Presbyterian church, of whom 15,357 were added on examination and profession of their faith; and 4,997 were by certificate either translated from sister churches, or removed from one of our congregations to another. In the same period, 4,390 adult persons and 12,198 infants were baptized; which gives a total of 16,588 baptisms. The collection of funds reported for the same year amount to $47,501 70 for domestic and foreign missions; $3,880 39 to defray the expense of the Commissioners to the last Assembly, whose joint travel *to* and *from* Philadelphia was very near to 100,000 miles; 16,884 38 for the use of different Theological Seminaries; 33,317 14 for education purposes; and $218 54 for the contingent expenses of the Assembly. The total of these collections is $101,802 16.

Our increase, during the year past, has been in Synods 1; in Presbyteries 6; in churches 95; in ordained ministers 93; and in the additions of communicants 4,336. After making allowance for deaths, dismissions and other removals, our net gain appears to be no more than 8,688. This is owing to no returns from many churches. The real increase cannot have been less than 15,000; and our total of communicants if all reported would be 190,000. Our 1,800 ordained and licensed preachers of the word exceed in number those of 1830 by 89. Our licentiates are fewer than they were a year ago, by 4, and our candidates for the ministry, by 13. The baptisms of adults last year exceeded those of 1830, by 1,135; the infant baptisms decreased by 4; and the increase in the total of baptism was 1,131. The grand total of charitable contributions reported is less this year than the preceeding year, by $82,490 68.

EZRA STILES ELY,
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

Every church is expected to make a written report of its state to the County Conference with which it is connected, at or before the ... the Conference. The Clerks of the County Conferences are required ... to embody the returns from individual churches into one Conference ... port; these latter, when completed, to be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, to be by him embodied into a *State*, or General Conference Report, for the annual meeting in June. Every Clerk is earnestly entreated to see that his report is seasonably prepared and forwarded, that a complete view of the Congregational Churches in Maine may be exhibited to the next General Conference. The *Schedule*, or *Tabular View*, is expected to contain columns headed as follows:

| Names of Churches. | Pastors. | Accessions. | | Removals. | | |

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN WISCASSET,

JUNE 26, 1832.

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MINUTES.

Wiscasset, June 26, 1839.

The General Conference of Maine convened, according to appointment, at the Meeting-house of Rev. Seneca White, in this place, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The following delegates, from the several County Conferences, were present:

Rev. Eber Carpenter, *York.*

Rev. Bennet Tyler, D. D.
Rev. Geo. E. Adams,
Rev. David Shepley,
Dea. N. Scales,
Dea. W. Storer,
} *Cumberland.*

Rev. Jacob C. Goss,
Rev. J. Boynton,
Dea. Willis Sprague,
} *Lincoln.*

Rev. David Starret,
Rev. Thomas Adams,
Bro. Simon Page,
} *Kennebec.*

Hancock & Waldo.

Rev. Wales Lewis,
Rev. John Sawyer,
} *Penobscot.*

Rev. G. W. Fargo,
Rev. J. Tucker,
Dea. John Loring,
Bro. S. Maynard,
} *Somerset.*

Rev. Allen Greely,
Rev. Samuel Sewall,
Dea. Barrows,
Dea. Prentice,
} *Oxford.*

Rev. A. Jackson, *Washington.*

The following persons were present as members of the Conference, *ex officio.* Rev. David Thurston, Rev. Asa Cummings, Rev. D. M. Mitchell, Rev. John W. Ellingwood, Rev. Mr. Tenney, Rev. Seneca White, Rev. Mr. Marsh, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, Rev. B. Rice, Rev. C. Hobart, Rev. J. Sewall, jr., Rev. M. T. Harris, Rev. P. Chapin, and Rev. J. Peet.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was represented

by Rev. James Weatherby. The General Association of New Hampshire, by Rev. Jacob Cummings; and the General Convention of Vermont, by Rev. Amos Drury.

The Conference were led in prayer by the Moderator.

In consequence of the decease of the Recording Secretary, our lamented Brother Jenkins, it became necessary to elect one to fill his place. D. M. Mitchell was chosen to this office.

An invitation was extended to all ordained ministers present to sit with this body, as honorary members, and take part in its deliberations.

Rev. Dr. Tyler, Rev. G. E. Adams, Capt. Browne, Bro. Stuart, and Dea. Barrows, were appointed a committee to receive communications held by the Corresponding Secretary and introduce them, during the present session, as they may judge expedient.

A communication, from the London Congregational Union, was introduced by the Corresponding Secretary, and referred to a special committee, viz. Rev. Prof. Pond, Rev. P. Chapin, Rev. C. Freeman, Dea. Scales, and Bro. William C. Mitchell.

Rev. Messrs, White, Goss, and Marsh, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Dr. Tyler, Rev. Messrs. Jackson, S. L. Pomroy, and A. Greely, were appointed a committee of nomination.

Rev. T. Adams, G. E. Adams, and D. Shepley, were chosen a committee to take into consideration the state of the Bangor Seminary, and make a report at this meeting.

The committee, to whom was referred the Communication from the London Congregational Union, reported:—

"That said communication be read to this body, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to inform our brethren in England, that their communication has been received and attended to; that we are happy in the opportunity of commencing a correspondence with them; that we cordially approve of the plan of union proposed by them; and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to communicate any statistical or other intelligence respecting our churches to our brethren in England, which he may think of general interest."

This report was accepted; and the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to appointment. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Tenney.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Eastman, of New York, General Agent of the American Tract Society. He briefly exhibited their field of labor in its length and breadth, and repeated some of the pressing calls, which they were constantly receiving from Christian and heathen lands. He related interesting facts to show, particularly, the

success, which had attended the *monthly distribution*, and urged the claims of the Society on the Christian public with good fidelity.

This address was followed by prayer, by the Rev. Mr. Cummings of N. H., and a Sermon by Dr. Tyler, from Matthew 16: 26. *What is a man profited*, &c.

The religious services closed with an Address by Rev. P. Chapin, and prayer, by Rev. Jotham Sewall. Adjourned, to meet at half past seven o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Rev. Isaac Rogers opened the meeting with prayer, after which the following resolution was introduced and supported by Rev. Mr. Bullard, Agent of the Maine Sabbath School Union.

"Believing that Sabbath schools are intimately connected with the progress of morality and true religion, *Resolved*, That we, the members of this Conference, do approve of the resolution passed by the Maine Sabbath School Union, at their last annual meeting; and that we will *individually* co-operate with them in carrying this resolution into effect." Seconded by Rev. S. L. Pomroy, and adopted.

The Committee, appointed to take into consideration the state of the Bangor Seminary, reported:—

"That they regard the question as definitely settled, that this Institution must be sustained, being imperiously demanded by the exigencies of this State and of the surrounding region; that they regard the present as a very interesting crisis of its history; that after its operations were nearly suspended, in consequence of the death of its late revered Professor in Theology, they are again resumed under the direction of gentlemen, who are entitled to the unreserved confidence of the churches. It also appears that societies have been formed in several counties of this State, which have pledged important assistance in aid of its operations; and that its prospects, on the whole, are decidedly more favorable than at any former period of its existence.

It appears, however, from statements made by Rev. Messrs. Pond and Pomroy—and it is a fact that must not be concealed from its friends,—that, in addition to all the provision that has already been made for its support, to relieve the Institution from various pressing embarrassments, and to provide it with the necessary accommodations, will require a sum *not less than thirty thousand dollars*. And when the question occurs whether it is expedient to raise this sum, your committee cannot hesitate to answer, that *it is expedient* to attempt whatever is necessary to the successful operation of this Institution. And when the question was presented, whether the different items that compose this amount should be attempted separately and successively, or all at once, your committee were unanimously of the opinion that it is expedient to attempt the accomplishment of the whole object at the same time. An object will thus be presented to the friends of this Institution, which they will think worth looking at, and worth attempting.

We wish it, however, to be distinctly understood, that we do not recommend that any efforts be made for this object, that will, in any measure, interfere with the operation of measures already in progress; but that our principal reliance, be placed on those men of wealth, scat-

nared over our State, who have much property in their hands consecrated to Christ, which is not yet specifically appropriated; but which they will cheerfully surrender, whenever they learn the Lord hath need of it. It is believed also that there are many individuals in neighboring States, who love to devise and execute liberal things, who are already contemplating with deep interest the destiny of our infant Seminary, and to whom appeals in its behalf will not be made in vain. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Trustees of the Bangor Theological Seminary, forthwith, to appoint an agent or agents, for the purpose of raising thirty thousand dollars for the benefit of the Institution."

This resolution was supported by Prof. Pond and Rev. Mr. Eastman. Numerous facts were stated to show the practicability of raising a large sum, when the object is of sufficient magnitude.

The report was accepted, and the resolve passed.

Concluding prayer by Rev. J. Sewall, jun.

Adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning.

June 27. Met according to appointment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Weatherby of N. Carolina. Sermon by Rev. R. S. Storrs, Secretary of Mass. Dom. Missionary Society, from Psalm 49: 8. Address by Rev. Mr. Dwight, and concluding prayer by Rev. Mr. Beatty, of Ohio. Adjourned till 8 o'clock, A. M. and met again at the hour appointed.

The communication from the London Congregational Union was read to the assembly, and it was voted, that the reply to this communication, recommended by the Committee, be made by the Corresponding Secretary.

A resolution recommending to the churches connected with this body to set apart the 12th day of July next as a day of Fasting and Prayer, in view of the threatening judgments of heaven, and particularly that sweeping pestilence the Cholera, which is approaching our borders, was introduced by Dr. Tyler and adopted.

Voted, also, That the other denominations be invited to unite with us in the observance of this Fast.

Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Tappan, and Marsh, were appointed a Committee to give public notice of this Fast, and extend the invitation to other denominations.

The Committee of nomination reported delegates to foreign bodies, and the preachers for the next annual meeting, as follows:—

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Swan L. Pomroy,

Dea. Woodbury Storer.

Substitutes.

Rev. Seneca White,
Thomas Adams, Esq.

General Association of Connecticut

Rev. D. M. Mitchell,
Rev. G. E. Adams.

Substitutes.

Rev. D. D. Tappan,
Rev. W. Clark.

General Association of Massachusetts

Rev. Ab. Jackson,
Rev. Isaac Weston.

Substitutes.

Rev. David Shepley,
Rev. Stephen Thurston.

General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Dr. Tyler,
Rev. Charles Soule.

Substitutes.

Rev. Charles Freeman,
Rev. Elijah Jones.

General Convention of Vermont

Rev. C. Marsh,
Rev. G. W. Fargo.

Substitutes.

Rev. Allen Greely,
Rev. Robert Crosset.

Rev. Carleton Hurd, first preacher.
Rev. C. Hobart, second do.

They also recommended the appointment of a Committee to make future appointments of delegates, should vacancies occur, or should those now designated be unable to attend; and that Rev. Messrs. Thurston, of Winthrop, B. Tappan and G. Shepherd, be a committee for this purpose. This report was accepted.

The hour having arrived for the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society to be opened, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock. The concerns of this Society occupied the day, and the evening was devoted to the claims of the Maine Branch Education Society. An able report was read before this Society, by the

Secretary, Rev. B. Tappan, which was followed by an address from the Rev. Mr. Cogswell, Secretary of the Parent Society.

June 28. Religious services commenced at 5 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kendrick. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Dwight, from I Tim. 3: 16. Met at 8 o'clock, according to adjournment.

The Treasurer, having left his papers at home, made a verbal statement of the funds, which amount to $30,32.

The Corresponding and Recording Secretaries were appointed a committee to prepare the Minutes of this body, and of other Societies, so far as may be necessary to give a connected view of the present meeting, and publish them at as early a period as possible.

The committee, appointed to receive from the hands of the Corresponding Secretary certain papers, reported on the subject of Temperance the following preamble and resolutions:

"As the use of ardent spirit is not only needless, but hurtful; as it tends to form intemperate appetites and habits, and while it is continued, the evils of intemperance can never be done away; as it causes a great portion of the pauperism, crimes and wretchedness of the community, increases the number, frequency and violence of diseases, deprives many of reason, and brings down multitudes to an untimely grave; as it tends to produce in the children of those who use it a predisposition to intemperance, insanity and various diseases; and to cause a universal deterioration of both body and mind; as it tends to prevent the efficacy of the Gospel, and all the means which God has provided for the moral and spiritual illumination and purification of men, and thus to ruin them for both worlds;—Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That although this Conference does not possess nor desire any jurisdiction over the churches, yet we do consider it our duty to express the decided opinion, which we have deliberately formed.

2. *Resolved*, That the use and traffic in ardent spirits, except for medicinal and chemical purposes, is an *immorality*, and ought to be viewed and treated as such throughout the world.

3. *Resolved*, That this immorality is utterly inconsistent with a profession of the christian religion, and that those who have the means of understanding its nature and effects, and yet continue to be engaged in it, ought not to be admitted as members of christian churches.

4. *Resolved*, That in our view those members of christian churches, who continue to be engaged in the use or traffic of ardent spirits, except for purposes already specified, are violating the principles and requirements of the christian religion."

The delegates who had visited foreign bodies, connected with this Conference were requested to make report. Rev. Mr. Tenney made verbal report. Rev. Mr. Ellingwood reported in writing. This report, while it spoke in high terms of commendation of the Presbyterian church, was well calculated to make the churches connected with this Conference, abundantly satisfied with their own church polity.

The Foreign Delegates present were requested to make report.

These reports were made, accepted, and ordered to be placed on our files.

The report of the Rev. Mr. Weatherby closed with a request from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, that this Conference will unite with them and other ecclesiastical bodies, in recommending to the Churches in their connection, the observance of the FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer *for the conversion of the world.*

Voted to comply with this request.

At the suggestion of Dr. Tyler, made in conformity to the desire of many present, a contribution was taken to aid the funds of the American Tract Society.

The resolutions on the subject of Temperance, recommended by the committee, after considerable discussion and several minor amendments, were adopted. The report recorded in these minutes appears in its amended form. The morning services closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Met at 2 o'clock, P. M. for religious services. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Jackson. Sermon by Rev. B. Tappan, from Amos 7: 2. "*By whom shall Jacob arise?*"—At the close of which a contribution was taken up for the Conference, amounting to $46, 87.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Drury and Weatherby, followed by a solemn and impressive address by the Rev. J. Sewall.

The Congregation were dismissed and the Conference proceeded to attend to unfinished business.

A committee was appointed to visit the Bangor Seminary. The service was assigned to the committee appointed at the last annual meeting, with the exception of Rev. Mr. Fitch. Rev. Stephen Thurston was elected to fill his place.

It being proposed to open a correspondence with the Evangelical Association of Rhode Island, Rev. Jotham Sewall was chosen a delegate to that body, and Rev. Mr. Fuller his substitute.

The Recording Secretary was directed to present the thanks of this Conference to the pastor, church and religious society of Wiscasset, for their hospitality and attention, during the present session, wishing them the presence and blessing of our Divine Master, as their reward.

He was also directed to prepare blank Commissions for delegates to foreign bodies at the expence of the Conference.

The Corresponding Secretary was directed to procure the printing of blank returns, formed according to his own discretion.

Voted, To substitute 9, in the place of 11 o'clock, in the tenth article

of the Constitution, which fixes the hour for the assembling of the Conference.

Voted, To adjourn, to meet at the third church in Portland, at *nine* o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June next.

D. M. MITCHELL, *Rec. Secretary.*

REPORT

On the State of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

The season of our last annual interview was one rich in enjoyment, and still richer in promise. At that time, and for several weeks subsequent, a tide of blessings was rising, which, it was fondly hoped, would overflow our State, and refresh every portion of this eastern heritage. In looking forward to this anniversary, we had almost ventured to anticipate, beyond the felicity of ordinary fraternal congratulations, the pre-eminent satisfaction of uniting in grateful acknowledgements to Almighty God for abundant effusions of his Spirit upon *all* our churches. This felicity,—though we never had so much cause for thanksgiving and praise,—God has seen fit to deny us, and undoubtedly for our delinquencies. To justify the expectation of so universal a blessing, there should have been more earnest persevering prayer for the Holy Ghost—more of the work of faith and the labor of love. We ascribe righteousness to our Maker; we glorify his name for all the wonders of his grace which our eyes have seen and our ears have heard. We take blame to ourselves, that his glory has not *so* appeared, that *all* our churches might behold it together.—May the appropriate emotions and purposes arise within us, as we survey, successively, the different parts of the gospel vineyard, in which it is our privilege to labor, to suffer, and to rejoice.

Washington Conference.

Of the 10 churches embraced in this Conference, 4 are destitute of pastors. From that in Lubec there is no return of

numbers, and no account of its condition, except that it does not enjoy the stated ministrations of the Gospel. In the other 9 were 487 members, in September last, when the Conference held its annual meeting. The additions then reported amounted to 102, of which 5 were by letter; the reports, however, are stated by the Clerk to be deficient in several particulars. Most of these churches have received an increase; some of them richly blessed. Those most distinguished by the reviving influences of the Spirit, the past year, are the churches in Perry, Machias Port, and Dennysville. Since their annual meeting there have been revivals in several of their churches, and probably considerable increase; though it is not known that any church in this Conference is now rejoicing in a progressive revival. Still, our brethren here appear to be diligently and faithfully engaged in their Master's work, to have enlarged views of duty, and no slight conviction of their responsibility, as laying the foundations of many generations. Seven of these churches report 781 scholars, as connected with their Sabbath schools.

Hancock and Waldo Conference.

This Conference embraces most of the Congregational churches in two adjacent counties; and at its last meeting, in October, was composed of 15 churches, including 8 pastors, two of whom have been dismissed since that time. One of these counties contains 29 towns, in only 6 of which are Congregational churches; and two of these churches are struggling for existence. Protracted meetings have been held in three of these towns; but, says a brother, it was evident from appearances, that the churches were not awake as they ought to have been. No Conference, indeed, has made so cheerless and melancholy a report as this; only 28 additions are reported, and of these 16 were to the church in Belfast. The churches generally in this Conference are represented as sinking down under the shadows of spiritual death, beholding only here and there a faint glimmer of light. A protracted meeting in Belfast, in February last, was the occasion of bringing some few to inquire what they should do to be saved. Some further announcements, like the following, predicated of different places, ought to inspire hope, and excite to prayer and effort: 'Temperance prospers'—'Traders have given up selling ardent spirits'—'The Temperance cause prospers well'—'There are 400 members belonging to our Temperance Society'—"In some of the towns that are truly 'waste places,' and may

almost be said to be 'full of the habitations of cruelty,' many have come out and declared themselves on the side of total abstinence"—"Considerable interest is felt in the Sabbath schools, and this cause is getting stronger hold of the minds of the people"—"More interest is felt in protracted meetings, and people are more desirous of enjoying their estimable privileges. It is probable several will be held the ensuing season, both in our denomination and the Baptist." It may be hoped from these statements that the way of the Lord is preparing, and that a blessing is not far distant. May these our beloved sister churches rouse from apathy, and shake themselves from the dust, before they are alarmed by the midnight cry, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh!" There are about 800 members in the churches connected with this Conference.

Penobscot Conference.

There are 16 churches connected with this Conference, 8 of which have pastors, 3 of whom have been settled within the year. One other church has a constant supply. The church in Orono has enjoyed preaching several months, and expectations are indulged that a meeting house will soon be erected, and a minister settled over them. The other churches are favored with preaching and religious ordinances but a small part of the time. Several of these churches have been blessed with revivals the past year. In Bangor, between 50 and 60 are thought to have been born again; near 100 in Foxcroft, and about 40 in Monson.* In Brownville there was some awakening last fall, which resulted in the hopeful conversion of 8 or 9 persons. In all these places, as also by the first church in Brewer, protracted meetings were held, and attended with the divine blessing. The cause of religion generally is prosperous, and the prospects of our denomination encouraging. The additions to the churches, according to the clerk's report, have been 117, and the whole number of members is but little short of 800.

This Conference has made the institution of Sabbath schools one of its engrossing cares, and put forth well-conducted and vigorous efforts to have one or more established in every town and plantation of the widely extended, and rapidly populating County of Penobscot. Two agents, or Sabbath school missionaries, have been out under its auspices, and visited 38

*Monson, though not in Penobscot County, is connected with this Conference.

towns and plantations;—addressing public assemblies on this subject, exhorting and encouraging parents from house to house to engage in it, organizing Sabbath school societies, forming and classifying schools, enlisting and instructing teachers, and founding libraries. They have done much to disarm opposition, to soften prejudice, to remove ignorance, and to rouse indifference, in relation to Sabbath schools, and to conciliate friendship. Sabbath schools were in operation in almost every town in the County, the last season, and did great good.

Temperance principles have made astonishing progress in almost every section of the County, though still very far from being universally received. *Most of the churches, and probably all, are entirely free from the sin of using or trafficking in ardent spirits;* and some persons out of the church have recently manifested a disposition to cease trafficking in the article.

The Penobscot County Bible Society are making arrangements to explore and supply, a second time, their destitute with copies of the word of God. The rapid multiplication of families, by immigration, as well as natural increase, has rendered this speedy repetition of the benevolent work highly important.

Somerset Conference.

This Conference reports an aggregate of 16 churches, and 609 members. They have only 5 settled pastors, one of whom, though still among the living, has probably done with the labors of the church militant. A resident minister affords a partial supply to three of these destitute churches. Two others have had no preaching by a minister of their own denomination, except twice, for the year. Three others receive occasional supply from ministers without the County. It may readily be believed, therefore, that there is great want of laborers in this County, as well as of the means of supporting them. They lament their destitute situation, and call for help; and may their cries be heard.

These churches, however, have not been deserted by the great Head of the church. With some of them the past has been a year of peculiar interest, distinguished by a work of mercy, which has translated many precious souls from darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son, and brought pleasing accessions to the churches. The afflicted church in Bloomfield has received the garment of praise for the spirit of heav-

ness. 37 have been added to their number, all but 3 the fruits of the late revival. A work of grace in Industry, which was shared by four denominations, has brought 19 members into the Congregational church in that place. As the results of a revival, which has been making gradual progress in Norridgewock during the year, 20 have been added to the church; and perhaps as many more have obtained hope, who are connected with other denominations in the town. The church in Solon has been blest with a revival, more powerful perhaps in proportion to the population of the place, than any other in this Conference, which has added more than 30 members. The churches in New Vineyard, Mercer, Madison and Fairfield, have also experienced tokens of the divine mercy, and received some increase. In Cornville, an extensive revival has prevailed, principally among other denominations; one of its results, however, is the formation of a Congregational church of 7 members. Increase to these churches by profession, 127; by letter, 12; total increase, 139. Removals, 14; net gain, 125.

With the increase of these churches, their spiritual condition is thought to be improved—the tone of religious feeling is rising—a desire to enjoy, and a readiness to aid in sustaining religious ordinances, is increasing, and the prayer, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? is more extensively and seriously offered. More is done, than formerly, to support the gospel among themselves—more for Foreign missions—something for the Education of young men for the ministry. A progressive interest is manifested for Sabbath schools, and the distribution of the Bible. The Temperance cause advances, though slowly. There is a County Temperance Society, and 12 local societies. In the western part of the County, the friends of Temperance have done nobly. Obstacles to the prosperity of this cause, are found in the churches.—Protracted meetings have been held generally, and attended with a blessing.

Kennebec Conference.

The churches in this Conference have been measurably revived; there are but 2 of the 20 churches embraced in it, that have not received at least a moderate increase. Though no very extensive work of grace has been wrought among them; yet enough has been done to render ingratitude, unfaithfulness, and apathy exceedingly criminal. At Albion a work of grace commenced early in the year reviewed in the Conference report, and extended, until in almost every neighborhood individuals were found inquiring the way to Zion. The

church was quickened. At the time, when this Conference were in session, the church in the North Parish in Augusta were rejoicing in the effects of a protracted meeting, held 3 weeks previous. From 30 to 40 individuals were anxiously inquiring what they should do to be saved; and several cases had occurred of hopeful conversion. To the church in the South Parish, also, the year was one of peculiar interest. The spirit of prayer revived in the church; and a protracted meeting had been manifestly blessed to the quickening of its members, and the awakening of many among the impenitent. 32 had been added to the church, and more than 20 hopeful converts had not made a profession. Litchfield has been greatly blessed—the attention to religion was at one time all but universal throughout the Congregational Society, which embraces only about 20 families. About 30 indulged hope, and 19 had united with the church,—all belonging to the Temperance Society. The church in Hallowell has enjoyed tokens of the divine presence and favor. Under a silent and gentle influence continued through many months, a number were hopefully brought to the Saviour, and to rejoice in his love. 33 had made profession, others indulged hope. In New Sharon, "the cause of religion, in comparison with what might have been expected, has been but little advanced. "God has blessed the church" in Pittston: "about 30 indulge hope, most of whom are connected with it. In almost every family are to be found those that are hoping in the mercy of God. In one family were 5 children, who were devoted to God by their parents, that give evidence of having passed from death unto life. God has respect unto his covenant—he will be a God to his people and to their seed after them." In Sidney "the attention of the people has been in some measure awakened, and a few instances have occurred of hopeful conversion." In Temple a revival is said to be now in progress. In Vassalborough 'not far from 20 have indulged hopes, and some *old lingering* hopes have been revived.' "The church in Waterville have been revived and quickened in their own feelings." The church in Weld "are united and firm, and their congregation larger than in former years." In the church in Wilton "has been some revival of feeling. Special efforts are making to secure the stated labors of a pastor. 3 individuals in the church have engaged to pay $200 annually for 2 years, if the object cannot be otherwise effected." The church in Windsor "has been remarkably quickened; a few individuals have ex-

pressed hope, and several more are inquiring." The church in Winslow would be "slow of heart to believe, if they should deny that the Lord Jesus Christ is with them." In Winthrop, for 3 months previous to the date of the report there had been meetings of inquiry and some hopeful conversions—later intelligence says 20, of whom 10 are connected with the church. 'Protracted meetings have been held in at least 12 of the 20 churches, and in every instance attended with a divine blessing. Even in those places, where there have been no more than one or two instances of hopeful conversion, the general influence has been very favorable.'

There are "about 20 Temp. societies in the 29 towns of this County. Some of them are very small; some have just been organized, and the cause is, on the whole, going forward, although in some places more spirituous liquors are sold and used than were a few years since. But the principles are better understood. The roaring of the beast proves that he has received a serious wound."

The 20 churches in this Conference have 13 pastors. The number added to them during the year has been 187—169 by profession, and 18 by letter: 25 have died, 13 have been dismissed, and 3 excommunicated. Net gain 146. Whole number 1278.

The locality of these chuches, as occupying a centre of influence to the State, imposes on them a heavy responsibility, and gives them a claim to our earnest prayers, that they may resist every secularizing and unhallowed influence, and hold fast that which they have, that no man take their crown. How unspeakably desirable it is, that the conquests of Immanuel should be carried forward and his cause become triumphant in this heart of our State, that it may send out in every direction a healthful influence, to make glad the city of our God.

Lincoln Conference.

The annual meeting of this Conference was held in August last, almost a year since. It then contained 19 churches, 15 pastors, and 1413 members. The additions had been 131,—89 of them by profession. It was stated that the work of grace, which commenced in Bath some months previous, continued to move forward,—more than 30 having already been added to the church as its fruits, and several others were making the great inquiry, what shall we do to be saved? This revival commenced among the youth of the Sabbath School

and Bible Class, and was almost wholly confined to persons of that description, only 8 of its subjects being heads of families. A pleasing work of grace was also in progress in Waldoborough. Between 20 and 30 have been anxious for their souls, and several of them have since been brought to the knowledge of the truth. The meeting of the Conference was blessed to the awakening and hopeful conversion of some souls in Alna. Since that meeting 12 have been added to the church there, and several more indulge a good hope through grace, and may be expected ere long to come forward and confess Christ before men. The church is still apparently engaged in the cause of Christ, and in peace among themselves. Phipsburg has been blessed with the Spirit's influences, and a goodly number turned to the Lord. In the early part of last autumn, a powerful work of grace commenced in Bristol. At one time there were more than a hundred inquirers, most of whom appeared deeply anxious, and a considerable portion of whom have since been hopefully born of God. There have been some hopeful conversions in New Castle; and in Boothbay between 40 and 50. But the most extensive revival in this County, during the year, has been witnessed in Edgecomb,—there having been not less than 80 hopeful conversions in the congregation to which the Rev. D. Kendrick ministers.

The Temperance cause here is on the advance. There are Temperance Societies in 21 of the towns in this County; also a County Temperance Society.

Cumberland Conference.

Connected with this Conference are 34 churches, of which 14 are destitute of pastors. Reported additions during the year, 783; viz. 660 by profession, and 123 from other churches. Removals 177; viz. 60 by death, 106 by dismission, and 11 by excommunication; making the net increase for the year 606; and the whole number as reported, 3353. [The tabular result varies from this, but either is smaller than complete and perfect returns would show.] About one third of these churches have enjoyed extensive revivals of religion, and most of them have been visited with special effusions of the Holy Spirit. Besides the increase in numbers, there is thought to have been an increase in spirituality, of faith, and love, and devotedness to Christ. Some of the revivals have occurred in places, and in circumstances, with respect to which we should once have been ready to ask—"If the Lord should make

windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" The wilderness and solitary place has been made glad for them, and the desert rejoiced and blossomed as the rose. The interesting details of revivals in this Conference have been published in a pamphlet, and extensively circulated, and the relative increase of the churches may be seen in the Tabular view. Still it may be profitable, and is due to Divine grace, to exhibit one instance of God's mercy, where he has rendered an unpropitious field like the garden of the Lord. It is thus narrated by the pastor of the first church in Scarborough.

"This church during the year past has been blessed with a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. No special indications of good appeared till some time in May. And even then it was not known that there was an individual sinner anxiously inquiring for the salvation of his soul. But it was thought there was an appearance of a waking up in the church. Some of her members appeared more spiritual; and it is believed they were more earnest and importunate in their supplications at the throne of divine grace for a revival of religion. Our congregation on the sabbath was uncommonly large. Prayer meetings were well attended. And it was noticeable, that an unusual seriousness rested upon the minds of the people in general. And almost all, when conversed with upon the concerns of the soul, confessed that they felt more than usually the importance of religion. None, however, at this time could be found borne down under the weight and burden of their sins. About the middle of June I left my people to visit my friends, and was absent four weeks. On my return I found, that the religious feeling manifested before I left had not in any measure abated, but had rather increased. A few appeared to be awakened to a feeling sense of their guilt and danger. From that time to the last of September there appeared to be a gradual increase of religious feeling and interest; and from 12 to 15 indulged a hope that their sins were forgiven and their names written in the Lamb's book of life. At this time a protracted meeting was held, which continued five days. From the commencement it was evident that the Lord was with us.—The almost deathless silence in the house of God, the anxious gaze, the agitated frame and starting tear, all gave signs of the divine presence. New cases of conviction occurred every day, and at the close of the meeting about 60 manifested a determination to be on the Lord's side. In one week 30 were indulging a hope, that they had passed from death unto life.—

We now reckon from 75 to 80 as having become the subjects of divine grace. Forty two have united with the church by profession. Four members of the church have died the year past. Whole number 100. Two thirds of my ordinary congregation are now hopefully pious. All our Sabbath school teachers, several scholars, and 20 of 25 singers. Our temperance society has received a considerable accession, and indeed a new moral aspect seems to have been spread over our community. Many family altars have been erected and some entire families have been converted to God. No one means, has been particularly distinguished in the hands of God in producing this mighty change. All the means of grace seem to have been attended with a signal blessing. I would mention the converts' prayer meeting as having been highly interesting to all who have attended it, and I have no doubt has had a salutary and happy effect upon the minds and hearts of many.—The Lord has done great things here. He has done far more for us than those among us of the strongest faith ever expected to see. He has filled our mouths to overflowing. To him be all the glory and all the praise."

Temperance Societies are believed to exist in most of the towns in this County; though the returns from nearly all the churches, that allude to this subject, speak of it in general terms. A Society in Gorham numbers 600 members; one in a section of North Yarmouth more than 500; while in another section of the town is a large and efficient Society whose number is not known.

York Conference.

In this Conference are 23 churches and 20 pastors, and 1956 members. There have been added by profession 531 members. In this County the *Lord hath triumphed gloriously*. There are not more than 2 of the 23 churches, which have not been more or less revived and enlarged. One of these churches has more than trebled its number, others are nearly doubled. Their annual report made at their meeting in October last, is filled with most glowing and animated details of the work of the Lord in the several churches, the bare reading of which is sufficient to send a thrill of joy through any christian bosom. In one town in the space of 5 months, 150 to 170 persons were hopefully born again, and the grace bestowed on several others was hardly less signal and glorious. Among the practical results of this precious effusion of the Spirit, may be mentioned, the erection of family altars,—the

abandonment of the use and traffic in ardent spirits—active zeal in the S. S. cause—and a vast increase of liberality in helping forward the great and benevolent operations, whose object is the enlightening and evangelizing of the world.—Since the time of their last meeting there have been additions more or less to the churches. To the 1st in Wells 40 members have been added. "Revivals, says the clerk, are in progress in Wells, in the 2 churches in Biddeford, in Lyman and Sanford. The churches generally, in this County, I should think, are waking again after a partial relapse." Let us thank God for this last item of information at *this time*. It is in our present circumstances the most cheering we have to communicate. There are special indications of good in some other towns. The cause of Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes flourishes; the monthly tract distribution is practised by some of the churches, and the cause of Christian benevolence is steadily advancing.

"The most prominent means," says the last report of this Conference, "which the King of Zion has employed in building up his cause among us, during the year, is that now so well known under the appellation of "*Protracted Meetings.*'—These meetings have been holden by nearly all the churches connected with this body; and in every instance have been owned of God. The ministers who attended on these occasions, were overwhelmed with astonishment at the power attendant on the word. Men of firm nerve and dauntless spirit have been seen dissolved in tears;—the Christian and the sinner;—the one interceding for his 'brethren according to the flesh,' the other imploring pardon for his own wretched soul.

"The only secret of the amazing consequences of such assembling consisted in the bestowment of the Divine blessing on the simple exhibition of truth in answer to earnest prayer. The solicitude which many had felt, while anticipating such a season, deepened to agony as the meeting advanced; and it has been the case that the minister, the Christian, and the sinner have attempted to offer audible prayer, and being able to utter but a few sentences, were constrained to *weep out* their inexpressible desires on the bosom of God. That deep feeling,—if there was any moral excellence in it,—*was of God*, not of us. If any truth more than another was felt on these occasions, is was this: *the work is God's; we are nothing.*"

Several instances are given in the report of this Conference, which illustrate the power of Divine grace in triumphing over

the infidelity, perversity, levity, and obstinacy of the human heart, exhibiting the presence and operation of one 'stronger than the strong man armed.'

Oxford Conference.

We have now reached, in our survey, the memorable spot where the solemnities of our last anniversary were held.—Hundreds felt that it was good to be there, and other hundreds have since blessed God, and will, no doubt, bless Him forever, for the soul-penetrating truths, the fervent devotions, and absorbing scenes, heard, felt, and witnessed on those successive days, which were then kept holy unto the Lord. It was a glorious, happy era for the churches of Oxford. 'At our annual meeting,' writes the clerk of the Oxford Conference, 'in June 1831, a short time prior to the meeting of the General Conference in Fryeburg, there was nothing of special interest reported from any of our churches, with one exception. At the meeting of the General Conference, the clouds collected and poured forth the refreshing waters. Here was the beginning of that work of grace, which, it cannot be doubted, will end in the salvation of a multitude of immortal souls. The shower moved onward, *here*, gently sprinkling the thirsty places, and *there*, concentrating its energies and copiously watering the thirsty plains.' Of the fruits of the revival in Fryeburg, 115 have been added to the church, and others yet remain to be gathered in. A degree of interest still continues in that place. The spirit and works of benevolence are more common, and engagedness in the benevolent operations of the day is increasing, and Christians are learning for what end they were born into the kingdom of God. Parental duty is becoming better understood and discharged. Sabbath Schools have been greatly blessed by the Spirit of God. 50 or more of the teachers and scholars have made a profession of religion. A similar testimony to the good fruits and blessed effects of the revival in other churches is given by their respective pastors; and some trace its origin directly to the solemnities at Fryeburg, a year since. Thus writes the pastor of the church in Lovell—'God has revived his work among us to a degree never before witnessed in this place. The good work commenced in the hearts of some of the members of this church, who were present at the meeting of the General Conference at Fryeburg, in June last. At that meeting they received the Holy Ghost, and returned to engage with increased zeal in their Master's service. A special prayer meeting was

established, at which it was soon evident that sinners were awakened, and that the Holy Spirit was there, bringing them unconditionally to submit to God. The attention increased through the summer and fall, and 50 persons have indulged hopes of having passed from death unto life. The church in Waterford has received but few less than that in Fryeburg, and several other churches have received almost a proportionate increase, as may be seen by examining the tabular returns.—15 of the 19 churches embraced in this Conference are reported as having been visited in a greater or less degree with the reviving influences of the Spirit, and as having received increase.

One of the eldest pastors in this County wrote, a few weeks since to a ministering brother—'We have now 12 propounded, to be received to-morrow; my oldest and two youngest sons are among them. I hope *all* my sons, nine in number, are now pious.'

The Temperance reformation which, in this County, has usually marched in front of revivals, has made cheerful progress.

This conference comprises 19 churches, 14 pastors, and 1438 members, of whom 434 were added the past year.—But these reported additions give but a very partial and inadequate view of what God has done in this part of our State.—Accessions have been received by churches of other denominations; and many hopeful converts remain unconnected with any branch of Zion. The like has never been witnessed in this County before. Some particular churches may have been blessed in an equal degree; but never, it is believed, was there so general a revival, and in so short a time, throughout these churches. Among the means employed and blessed, in every place where revivals are reported, were *protracted meetings*—in which were offered clear and affectionate exhibitions of divine truth, earnest exhortation, and fervent prayer for the blessing of God. No excesses, no extravagance, no outcry of distress or extacy, interrupted and marred the solemn succession of meditations and duties. Every thing throughout the whole was conducted with a stillness and solemnity which, at times, might be called *awful*.

'How sweet and awful was the place
With Christ within the doors.'

In these meetings ministers and Christians were much quickened. The *simple word of God* came to *them* with *great pow-*

er, while it prostrated the stout hearted sinner at the feet of sovereign grace. Persons of all ages and conditions, some of the master-spirits, those who before led on the enemy's forces to the onset; or as another expresses it, 'some of the very "bone and muscle" of civil society, are among the converts.' There can hardly be a doubt that the moral power of these churches has been augmented in a far greater ratio, than their numbers. It is the Lord's doing, and to him be all the glory.

The foregoing survey furnishes us with an aggregate of 172 churches—111 pastors,* including resident clergymen, who officiate as such, though not installed over particular churches —and 12,112 members, of whom 2,219 were added by *professon* during the year. It may be safely estimated, that, in addition to these, there have been added to the respective Conferences, since the dates of their reports, more than 500 new converts. It is also true, that the number of members in churches not heard from, amounts to several hundreds; so that the orthodox Congregational churches in Maine comprise some more than 13,000 members.

Within the limits occupied by 55 of these 172 churches, there are 71 *Temperance Societies*. This is probably less than half the number in the State, though particular data have not been furnished by the returns from other churches, from which the number could be calculated—the subject, when mentioned at all, being, in most instances, spoken of in general terms. In many of our parishes and towns there has been kindled up a zeal in this cause, the sincerity and firmness of which have been put to a severe test, and which must long ago have subsided, if opposition, obloquy, or ridicule and threats could have quenched it. For the ultimate success of the cause much good may be expected to result from this opposition, diabolical as it is. At present, the issue of the struggle, in some sections of the State, is extremely dubious. In relation to the whole mass of our population, there is yet much to fear; but it is confidently believed that our *churches, as such*, are making advances towards right sentiments and practice, in regard both to the use and traffic in ardent spirits. They are wiping their hands of the pollution. God grant that this foul abomination may soon cease to mar the beauty of the church, obstruct the progress of the gospel, and render the hearts of men impervious to the influences of the Holy Spirit.

*Of these pastors, 30 are from the Theological Seminary at Andover, and 23 from Bangor.—*Mr. Ellingwood's Report.*

Seventy six of our 172 churches have returned 8,378 Sabbath scholars. It is greatly to be regretted that the reports on this particular are not full and accurate. Why should any of our brethren withhold a particle of information respecting an institution so rich in blessings, and to which we are already indebted for more than a fourth part of the accessions to our churches during the year of jubilee, which we have been reviewing; and for more than a score of young expectants of the Christian ministry? It is, in this State especially, where there is such a dearth of ministers, one of the most important means of grace which we can employ. Its influence distils upon the rising generation like the dew of heaven upon the tender herbs. If any undervalue or despise it, let them remember with what simple means the stripling vanquished the mighty son of Anak, who had defied the armies of the living God. Probably there are not less than 15,000 Sabbath scholars in schools established and sustained by our churches and the congregations associated with them in the maintenance of religious worship. And the present is our time to put forth our exertions, and render these nurseries of the church at once co-extensive with the territory and wants of our State.

The cause of learning receives a commendable share of attention; though it is to be feared that, in many places, our primary and district schools suffer through want of interest and care on the part of ministers. Some of our Academies are highly prosperous; and an increasing number of Christian young men of promise are in a course of training for public usefulness. A cloud broods over Bowdoin College, of uncertain portent; and we hear not that its inmates are consecrating themselves and their attainments 'to Christ and his Church,' as was the joyful announcement in a former year. A long and glorious day, it is hoped, has begun to dawn upon our Theological Seminary. This momentous interest, the whole cause of learning, common and sacred,* should not be forgotten in the prayers of the churches. The teachers of our youth should be taught of God. If the fountains of science are polluted, they will spread contamination and moral death over our fair inheritance.

The condition and prospects of our principal benevolent

*There are in Maine 24 beneficiaries of the A. E. Society, 13 of whom are at Bowdoin College, 3 at Waterville College, 5 at the Bangor Seminary, and the remainder at different Academies. In Bowdoin College are about 40 students hopefully pious.—*Mr. Ellingwood's Report.*

societies have already been presented to this assembly, and are shown to be encouraging. There has been more of an increase in the ability of our churches to do good, than in their numbers.—There is believed to be in them more moral power, more active benevolence, than at any former period, and more steadfastness of purpose to come up to the work of recovering a revolted world to the dominion of Christ.

There is an obvious call upon us to task ourselves to the very utmost of our resources, moral, intellectual, and pecuniary. That more than one third of our churches should still be without the stated ministry, is a fact over which we must not exhaust ourselves in lamenting. Let us look at it indeed—let us survey the ruins and with deep-toned anguish too—but let it not be to gather motives for despair—Oh, no!—but with such feelings and for such purposes, as Nehemiah surveyed the desolations of the holy city. He could not repress his groans and tears, but he did not spend himself in weeping.—He called together the elders and said, 'ye see the distress that we are in—how that Jerusalem lieth waste—come, and let us build up the walls of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.' Let us, brethren, feel all the strength of Christian sympathy in such deprivations, and consult together, and stir up one another to provide a remedy. We see what a beautiful, I would say *holy* alliance, if the term had not been desecrated and perverted—what entire oneness of ultimate object exists among our various associations; how essential is their combined operation to meet the wants of our churches. Look at the agency of the Education Society and Theological Seminary in providing ministers—that of the Missionary Society in sending them out and sustaining them—and then again at that of our churches themselves in furnishing her sons, her new-born sons, to be educated and sent forth as heralds of salvation to the lost. A mere glance at this mode of reciprocal operation and mutual aid discloses too the absolute importance of revivals of religion. If *these* fail, all fails. Our Education Societies and Theological Seminaries will have none to educate, and our destitute churches none to feed them. If you would know what revivals can do in supplying this want, turn to one of our churches—a few years since a small church, but latterly blessed with revivals—and look at her seven young sons who are anticipating the ministry. O, that every one of our 172 churches, were thus raising up laborers for our widespread harvest. The Lord hath need of them all; for besides our more than 60 destitute churches already in being, we need to

Massachusetts, have enjoyed special effusions of the Holy Spirit, and between 6000 and 7000 souls hopefully converted.

To the churches connected with the *General Association of Connecticut*, at least 8000 persons have been added.

The *Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island* embraces 10 churches, to which 300 persons have been added the past year.

Committee.

The Committee to certify to the standing of ministers, travelling out of the State, are Rev. Messrs. Dr. Allen, B. Tappan, and A. Cummings.

The committee to visit the Bangor Seminary, re-appointed, as by vote on page 9, are, from the *York Conference*, Rev. S. Johnson and Br. E. Shepley; *Cumberland*, Rev. G. E. Adams and Prof. Newman; *Oxford*, Rev. A. Greely and Dr. Barrows; *Lincoln*, Rev. R. Woodhull and Br. W. Wood; *Kennebec*, Rev. T. Adams and Br. Theodore S. Brown; *Somerset*, Rev. J. Tucker and Br. W. B. Adams; *Hancock and Waldo*, Rev. S. Thurston and Dea. B. Blodget; *Washington*, Rev. A. B. Church and G. Downes.

Returns.

The following resolution has been on the records of the General Conference for several years, and is here inserted with the hope that the recommendation which it contains may be regarded, especially by those County Conferences whose annual meetings are held at any time between the months of June and January.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several county Conferences to report the state of the churches within their limits, for the year ending *Dec. thirty-first*, previous to each annual meeting of the General Conference.

Annual Meetings.

The annual meeting of the General Conference is held on Tuesday preceding the *fourth Wednesday* of June, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M., and adjourning from time to time, till Thursday. On the *first day* of the session a prominent place is given to business concerns; there is, however, always one sermon at least, or dissertations, and devotional exercises.

On the evening of the same day (Tuesday) the *Maine Congregational Charitable Society* holds its anniversary. Sermon, next year, by President Allen, or his substitute, Dr. Tyler.

On Wednesday (4th Wednesday in June) the *Maine Missionary Society* holds its annual meeting, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M. Besides detional exercises, there are the annual Reports of Trustees and Treasurer, and addresses, in the forenoon, and the annual sermon in the afternoon.

On Wednesday evening the anniversary of the *Maine Branch of the American Education Society*, is observed. There is usually a sermon, besides the Secretary's report, addresses, &c.

On Thursday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. the Conference resumes its session. The forenoon is occupied with narratives of the state of religion in Maine and corresponding bodies, interspersed with devotional exercises. In the afternoon the "Conference Sermon" is preached, and the Lord's Supper administered.

Statistical Tables.

These are all more or less defective. The entire columns at the right of that headed baptisms are purposely omitted, as it seemed a needless expense to set up so many almost entire blanks. The aggregate of S. scholars and Temperance Societies, however, is given in the preceding report. The tables appear as they were received, with the exception above stated and a very few insertions, of changes of place, or of pastors settled since the dates of some of the Reports. A full tabular report was once made out of the Kennebec Conference, but mislaid before their report was printed. The *whole number* is left blank against several of the churches in Oxford, because, though the Clerk had the aggregate belonging to these churches, he had not the means of knowing how to distribute it. The table from Hancock and Waldo was received after all the rest were in type, and these last eight pages were just going to the press, and occupies all the space which was left.

TABULAR VIEW.

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Acton,	Clement Parker,	12					48	
Alfred,	D. D. Tappan,	15	2	2	2		98	5
Berwick,	J. Hilliard,						20	
Biddeford 1st,	C. Marsh,	2	1	3	1		104	
Do. 2d,	S. Merrill,	28	1		1		58	23
Buxton,	Levi Loring,	17		1			98	16
Eliot,	J. G. Merrill,	3	2			4	100	
Kennebunk,	Jos. Fuller,	18	2				66	
Kennebunk Port,	C. H. Kent,	19	1		5		125	14
Kittery Point,		4			1		43	1
Lebanon,	J. Weston,	20			3	1	114	14
Limerick,	Chs. Freeman,	12	1				94	5
Limington,	C. F. Page,	8	1	1	1		59	
Lyman,	J. Gunnison,	90	2				136	64
Newfield,		15	1		1	1	50	17
Parsonsfield,		20			1		47	13
Saco,	S. Johnson,	49		6	2		184	43
Sanford,	E. Bacon,	32	2	1			64	48
South Berwick,	S. H. Keeler,	38		2	4		130	27
Wells 1st,	Wm. Clark,	82	2	2			230	48
Do. 2d,	C. S. Adams,	18						
York 1st,	E. Carpenter,						79	
Do 2d.	J. Turner *supplies*						9	
23	20	502	18	18	22	6	1956	338

KENNEBEC.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albion,	D. Lovejoy,	10					45	
Augusta N. Parish,	J. Underwood,	4					48	
Augusta S. Parish,	B. Tappan,	32					154	
Chesterville,	J. Sewall,	10					65	
Clinton,	N. Bishop,	1					29	
Farmington,	I. Rogers,	2					80	
Hallowell,	G. Shepherd,	33					173	
Litchfield,	D. Starrett,	19					64	
New Sharon,		6					52	
Pittston,		9					41	
Sidney,		4					14	
Temple,	S. Hackett,	2					59	
Unity,							9	
Vassalborough,	T. Adams,	14					95	
Waterville,		1					13	
Weld,	H. Stinson,	2					80	
Wilton,		1					19	
Windsor,							26	
Winslow,	W. May,	9					45	
Winthrop,	D. Thurston,	5					169	
20	13	164					1290	

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Baldwin & Sebago,	Noah Emerson,	2		1			23	1
Bridgton,				3	2		50	
South Bridgton,	J. P. Fessenden,	2					17	15
Brunswick,	G. E. Adams,	11	4	4	4		104	21
Cape Elizabeth,								
Cumberland,	Isaac Weston,	68	2	4	1		190	69
Danville,				1	2		8	
Durham,								
1st Falmouth,	Wm. Miltimore,	51	2					57
2d Falmouth,		9	5	1			49	
Freeport,		39		2	2		153	18
Gorham,	T. Pomeroy,	73	5	7	2	2	215	82
Gray,	Thos. Riggs,	23		1			67	14
Harrison,							31	1
Harpswell,	Wm. Harlow,						31	
Hebron & W. Minot,	James Gooch,	10	1	2			59	5
Lewiston,							10	1
Minot,	Elijah Jones,	7		2	6		216	12
N. Gloucester,	Benj. Rice,	4		1	2		127	9
1st N. Yarmouth,	David Shepley,	86	5	2	5		278	86
2d N. Yarmouth,	Caleb Hobart,	25		2		2	129	27
Chapel ch. do.								
Otisfield,				3	2		80	6
Poland,	J. P. Richardson,	7	3	5			59	6
2d Portland,	Bennet Tyler,	98	7	6	62		554	60
3d Portland,	W. T. Dwight,	46	10	1	15	2	231	41
High-st. ch. do.				2			62	
Pownal,	Perez Chapin,	16		1			135	26
Raymond,							20	
1st Scarborough,	Thos. Jameson,	42		4			100	
2d Scarborough,								
Standish,	Thos. Tenney,	14		4			125	4
Westbrook,	H. C. Jewett,	14	3		25	3	102	7
34	20	657	58	59	130	9	3225	567

WASHINGTON.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Wh No.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Calais,	A. B. Church,	4	1				37	
Robbinston,		11	1				30	15
Perry,	B. Roberts,	32	1	1			78	
Eastport,	W. Gale,	3	1		1		32	5
Lubec,								
Dennysville,	R. Crosset,	21		2			54	
Cooper,							15	
E. Machias,				7			88	
Machias,	A. Jackson,	4		3	25	1	105	
Machias Port,	G. Bacheller,	22	1				48	26
10	6	97	5	13	26	1	487	46

LINCOLN.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Phipsburg,	J. Boynton,	9		1	2		165	20
Topsham,	J.T. Hawes,							
Bath, North,	J.W.Ellingwood	32	1	3	1		130	26
Bath, South,							90	
Woolwich,	J.Adams S. sup.			1			69	
Wiscasset,	S. White,		32	3			84	2
Edgecomb,	D. Kendrick,	2	2	1	1		100	9
Boothbay,	C. L. Cook,	33	2	3			96	28
Alna,	M. T. Harris,	6		1	2	1	52	7
New Castle,	J. Sewall, jr.	1		2	1		69	5
Bristol,	N. Chapman,						40	
Waldoborough,	D. M. Mitchell,	2	1			1	131	10
Warren,	J. C. Goss, elect,	1					66	6
Thomaston,	R. Woodhull,	1	2	2	1		120	4
Union,	O. Sikes,		2	3			42	
Washington,		2		1			37	3
Richmond,								
Camden,	D. Adams,						60	
Bremen,							12	
19	15	89	42	21	8	2	1413	120

OXFORD.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albany,	Thomas Ayer,	14					65	8
Andover,	W. C. Greenleaf,	10	2	1			44	1
Bethel,	Charles Frost,	16		4			107	10
Dixfield,	Daniel Libby,					1	22	9
Fryeburg,	Carleton Hurd,	115		2	2		215	140
Gilead,	Henry White,	19						
Lovell,	Valentine Little,	37	1				79	16
Norway,	H. A. Merrill,	1	1				89	3
Paris,	Joseph Walker,	23	2	1	2		141	21
Paris, (North)								
Rumford,	Daniel Gould,							
Sweden,	Valentine Little,	26	2				42	15
Sumner,	Samuel Sewall,	31		2			94	10
Turner,	Allen Greeley,	21				1	80	14
Oxford,								
Waterford,	J. A. Douglas,	104	1				185	33
Brownfield,								
Denmark	Charles Soule,	17	1	2			95	6
Hiram,								
15	14	434	10	12	4	2	1438	286

PENOBSCOT.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Bangor,	S. L. Pomroy,	34	9	5	2		242	
Brewer 1st,	Wales Lewis,	4		1			55	
Brewer 2d,	C. R. Fisk,	3		2			73	
Brownville,	N. W. Sheldon,						61	
Dixmont,		1					10	
Exeter,		2					12	
Foxcroft,	T. Williams,	17	3		4	1	79	
Garland,						1	27	
Hampden,	S. A. Loper,						40	
Lincoln,		4	5				9	
Milo,						1	15	
Monson,	A. Hubbard,	13	9				66	
Orono,			1				33	
Passadunkeag,	J. R. Munsell,			1		1	22	
Sangerville,	H. Sewall supplies	6	6				23	
Williamsburg,							11	
16	9	84	33	9	6	4	778	

SOMERSET.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals			Wh. No.	Bap
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Anson,		1	1	1			19	
Bingham,							45	
Bloomfield,		34	3		4		78	
Fairfield,	J. E. Wilkins,	5					25	
Freeman,							6	
Industry,		19		1	2		49	
Kingfield,		1					14	
Madison,	J. Tucker,	1		1			20	4
New Vineyard,	D. Turner,	5					15	4
Mercer,		6	2				50	10
Norridgewock,	J. Peet,	20					100	8
Philips,		3					34	
Solon,		23	6	1			64	12
St. Albans,	N. Douglass,						14	1
Strong,	J. Hardy,	2		2			59	11
Cornville,		7					7	
16	6	127	12	8	6		609	50

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Belfast, 1st church,	Ferris Fitch,	6	10	1	2		77	22
Bluehill,	Jonathan Fisher,		1	3	1		73	3
Castine, Trin.	John Crosby,			1	3		36	4
Ellsworth,	Peter Kourse,						58	
Hampton,	Sylvester Clapp,	6					18	13
Jackson and Brooks,	Abel G. Duncan,			2			38	2
Mount Desert,	Ebenezer Eaton,			4			142	3
Prospect,	Stephen Thurston,		1				136	8
Swanville,								

Brooksville, Bucksport Deer Isle, Frankfort, Sullivan and Sedgwick, not reported

MINUTES

OF THE

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AT THEIR

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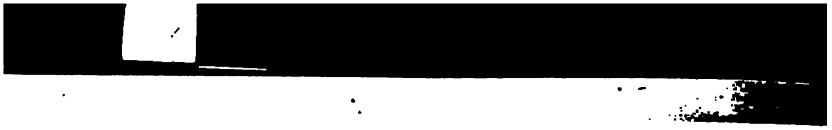

MINUTES.

The Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Maine, June 25th 1833, was at the Meeting-house of the Rev. William T. Dwight, in Portland. Present the following delegates from County Conferences.

Rev. David P. Smith, " Joseph Fuller, " Seth H. Keeler, Bro. ——— Hight, Deac. R. T. Jordan,	YORK.
Rev. J. P. Richardson, " J. P. Fessenden, " Benjamin Rice, Deac. R. Lincoln, Bro. J. S. Smith, " W. Graves,	CUMBERLAND.
Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, " Richard Woodhull, Deac. Ammi R. Mitchell,	LINCOLN.
Rev. B. Tappan, " Isaac Rogers, " William May,	KENNEBEC.
Rev. Stephen Thurston, " Wooster Parker, Bro. Thomas Adams,	HANCOCK & WALDO.
Rev. Swan L. Pomroy, " J. Fisher, Bro. Joseph C. Lovejoy, " William Davenport,	PENOBSCOT.
Rev. Josiah Tucker, " George W. Hathaway,	SOMERSET.
Rev. Charles Frost, " W. C. Greenleaf, Bro. Amos J. Cook, " Leander Gage,	OXFORD.
Deac. Lebbeus Bailey,	WASHINGTON,

ALSO AS MEMBERS *ex officiis*.

Rev. Messrs. David Thurston, Asa Cummings, D. M. Mitchell, David Shepley, Charles Freeman, B. Tyler, D. D. Elijah Jones, William

Clark, Isaac Weston, Samuel Johnson, G. C. Beckwith, C. Hurd, G. W. Fargo, Elisha Bacon, Deacon W. Storer, Brother W. C. Mitchell, and Brother Reuel Barrows.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church was represented by Rev. Robert McCartee, D. D.; the General Association of Connecticut, by Rev. Stephen Dodd, and Rev. Abraham Brown; the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, by Rev. Giles Pease; the General Association of Massachusetts, by Rev. Erastus Maltby; the General Association of New-Hampshire, by Rev. John Smith; and the General Convention of Vermont, by Rev. Austin Hazen, and Rev. Willard Child.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. David Thurston.

The time having arrived for a new choice of officers for three years, the Rev. B. Tyler, D. D. was chosen Moderator, Rev. B. Tappan, Recording Secretary, and Rev. Charles Freeman, Corresponding Secretary. Dr. Tyler having represented it as inconvenient for him to preside during this meeting, *voted*, that the Rev. D. Thurston be requested to continue in the chair.

An invitation was extended to ministers present, not members of the Conference, to sit with them as honorary members, and take part in their deliberations.

The Rev Messrs. Tyler, Cummings and Beckwith, with Bro. W. C. Mitchell, were appointed a committee of arrangements; the Rev.. Messrs. Johnson, S. Thurston, and Thomas Adams, a committee of nomination.

Voted, at the suggestion of the Committee of Arrangements, that the subject of the Christian Mirror be referred to a committee consisting of one from each County—to be nominated by the chair. The committee so chosen consisted of Rev. Messrs. Ellingwood, Fessenden, Tappan, Bacon, (of York,) Sikes, (of Somerset,) Pomroy, Dr. Barrows, (of Oxford,) Brother Thomas Adams, and Deacon Bailey.

Voted, that the Cumberland Conference be requested to make their annual report on the state of religion for the General Conference at their June Meeting—the York Conference at their meeting in May—and that the Lincoln, Kennebec, Washington, and every other County Conference, who have been accustomed to report soon after the annual meeting of the General Conference, be requested to make some arrangement, by which their annual reports shall be brought down to nearly the time of meeting of the General Conference.

The delegates to Foreign Bodies being desired to report, the Rev. Mr. Johnson, delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, reported, that he was kindly received, that the meeting was one of interest, and that our brethren in Connecticut appeared particularly gratified by the information that the Maine Missionary Society is advancing in its progress, and making special and successful efforts for the increase of its funds.

At 11 o'clock, a sermon was delivered by Rev. Silas McKeen of Belfast, after which the Conference adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. with the understanding, that the hour between 2 and 3 would be spent in social prayer.

Tuesday P. M. met according to adjournment.

The committee reported delegates to foreign bodies as follows, and the report was accepted.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Swan L. Pomroy.
Bro. Joseph R. Folsom.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Seneca White,
Bro. William Cutter.

General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. D. M. Mitchell,
" William Clark.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Isaac Rogers,
" Richard Woodhull.

General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Isaac Weston,
" David Shepley.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Stephen Thurston,
" George C. Beckwith.

General Association of New-Hampshire.

Rev. Charles Freeman,
" Elijah Jones.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Carleton Hurd,
" David P. Smith.

General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Cephas H. Kent,
" Joseph Fuller.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Thomas Tenney,
" Robert Crossett.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Samuel Johnson,

SUBSTITUTE.

Rev. Wales Lewis.

The Rev. Thomas Adams, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, to visit the Institution at Bangor, made the following Report :

The Committee appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, report : That a small number of the Committee attended to the service assigned them at the last anniversary of the Seminary, five members only being present out of sixteen. Immediately after this, a statement was published in the Christian Mirror, of the condition and prospects of the Seminary as they appeared at that visit. As that statement would, of course, be read by most of the friends of the Institution in the State, who considered the subject worth attending to, it will not be necessary to repeat what was there said. It may be sufficient to observe, that after a long season of darkness and discouragement, light seemed to be dawning upon its prospects, and the most cheering hopes and expectations were indulged respecting its future prosperity and usefulness.

Your Committee found the funds of the Institution in a more favorable state than was expected.—The Treasurer in a recent letter observes, "I have carefully examined the several items that compose our funds, consisting of real estate, notes receivable, and furniture of the commons house, &c, and can say with perfect confidence, that after making all reasonable allowance for debts due from beneficiaries, which may not be paid, and paying all debts due, there would be a balance in favor of the Institution of eighteen thousand dollars, in addition to twenty thousand dollars that has been secured by the late effort."—Probably the Conference will receive from other sources further information respecting the progress of the *effort*.—There is one fact relating to the funds, mentioned by the Treasurer, which your Committee wish to repeat ; that the sewing society of ladies in Bangor have paid at different times to the Institution, in cash, nine hundred and eighty three dollars, besides supporting a student a year or more. Let other daughters throughout the State do as *virtuously*, and neither this nor any other useful Institution would want support.

All that now seems necessary to secure, with the blessing of heaven, the future prosperity of the Institution, is a steady perseverance in those measures, which have been pursued for a short time past. As the state of feeling in the church is, though it is to be lamented that it is not otherwise, constant watchfulness and effort will be needed to keep alive a proper degree of interest, to insure it an adequate support.

Your Committee have not received any late intelligence respecting the number of students, which was small at the time of the last anniversary. Information can doubtless be given by others. And here your Committee beg leave to suggest, whether it should not be regarded as a matter of importance, to induce young men of Maine, who are training up for the service of the church, to repair to this Seminary for their Theological Education, and not suffer themselves to be allured by the superior attractions of older, and more richly endowed Institutions. It will be a discouraging circumstance to the friends of the Institution, if, after all their efforts to sustain it, our young men do not resort to it for instruction. All the reasons that exist to induce us to support this Institution, likewise exist to induce us to exert our influence to bring young men within its walls. For though an equal number of laborers should otherwise be raised up, *for the world*, the peculiar claims of *Maine* will not be regarded, nor her wants adequately supplied, till *our own* Seminary is filled with students.

Your Committee would further suggest, that if all those, who are appointed from year to year to visit the Seminary, would regard their appointment, not as a mere form, but as imposing a duty that is to be attended to ; if they would travel through the region, in which the Seminary is located, make a personal inspection of its concerns ; and sit down with the Trustees, and become acquainted with their trials and difficulties as well as their encouragements, it is believed they would return home, more deeply impressed than ever with the importance of this Institution, and more thoroughly inclined to give it their cordial and efficient support.

Encouraged by the indications of support they have received, the Trustees are now going forward with confidence, and are taking measures for erecting the necessary buildings. The friends of Zion, it is confidently believed, will not fail to sustain them in this important part of their enterprise.

It is respectfully recommended that it be adopted as a standing rule of the conference, to appoint a committee annually to attend the anniversary of the Seminary, and examine into its state, not from any want of confidence in the fidelity of the Trustees, but as a necessary measure to secure the continued confidence of the churches, and keep alive an interest in its prosperity.

By order of the Committee,
THOMAS ADAMS.

The foregoing report, after some statements had been given by Messrs. Pomroy and Tappan of efforts made during the past year to raise thirty thousand dollars for the Seminary at Bangor, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Some additional remarks respecting the indispensable necessity and high importance of the Institution at Bangor, were offered by Rev. Messrs. Johnson, Root (of Dover, N. H.) Pomroy, Beckwith, and Bro. J. C. Lovejoy.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Tyler and adopted.

"Whereas the dependence of the Christian Ministry upon the Great Head of the Church is entire and constant, and His blessing absolutely necessary to its success, and whereas the last Thursday of February has been annually set apart by many, as a season of united prayer for a blessing upon the young men, in a course of education at our Colleges and Academies—therefore,

Resolved that it be earnestly recommended to all the ministers and churches, in connection with this Conference, to observe the last Thursday of February as a day of fasting and prayer, with special respect to the more copious effusion of the Holy Spirit on our literary institutions : that the young men, who resort thither for an education, may be sanctified, and a suitable number of them be led to consecrate themselves to the work of the Christian Ministry.

The Rev. Asa Bullard, Agent for the Maine Sabbath School Union, made some statements respecting the efforts that had been made to establish sabbath schools in every part of the State, and submitted the following resolution—

Resolved, that the members of this Conference be requested to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable, to have every family in their respective neighborhoods visited on the 4th day of July next, and every individual invited to attend a sabbath school.

This resolution was at first laid on the table, but was afterwards again taken up, and being amended so as to read "on or near the 4th day of July," passed. At half past 4, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Pease. a sermon was delivered from I Peter, 2: 11 12, by the Rev. Mr. Smith, from N. H. and the Conference adjourned until half past 7 in the evening. Then a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Allen, President of Bowdoin College, from Acts 16: 30, 31, 32, upon the propriety of urging sinners to immediate repentance; and the Conference adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

At 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning, members of the Conference and many others with them assembled for prayer.—At 8 o'clock, met according to adjournment.—The Committee upon the Christian Mirror reported,

1st. That in their opinion the Mirror ought to be sustained by the Christian public.

2d. That it is advisable that the Maine Missionary Society become its proprietor.

3d. That it is expedient to have the paper enlarged, and that provision ought to be made for extending its circulation.

After some statements had been made by members of the Committee and by the editor of the Christian Mirror, respecting its present situation and future prospects, this report was accepted, and the Recording Secretary was appointed a committee to present the subject before the Maine Missionary Society.

Resolved, that it be recommended to the churches in this connection to observe the annual concert of prayer for the prevalence of *peace* throughout the world, on or about the 25th of December, and that ministers be requested to preach on the subject. This resolution having been offered by Dr. Tyler, and seconded by Messrs. Beckwith and D. Thurston, was adopted.

Resolved, that in the view of this Conference the blessing of God on sabbath schools, and their present condition in this State, encourage all the disciples of the Lord Jesus to offer unceasing prayer for the *immediate* conversion of sabbath school scholars, and that prayer should be followed by corresponding exertions. This resolve was offered by bro. Adams of Castine, and having passed, some remarks were made by Rev. Mr. McKeen upon the important subjects embraced by it.

The committee of nomination reported as first preacher for the next annual meeting Rev. Caleb Hobart, as second Rev. Josiah Peet; and the following as a committee to visit the Institution at Bangor.

York, Rev. C. Freeman, and Br. John McDonald,
Cumberland, Rev. G. C. Beckwith, and Br. William Cutter,
Oxford, Rev. C. Hurd, and Br. Stephen Chase,
Lincoln, Rev. J. Sewall, jr., and Br. Wilmot Wood,
Kennebec, Rev. G. Shepard, and Deac. Simon Page,
Somerset, Rev. G. W. Hathaway, and Bro. Niran Bates,
Hancock & Waldo, Rev. S. McKean, and Bro. Samuel Adams,
Penobscot, Rev. W. Lewis, and Deac. Benj. Crosby,
Washington, Rev. A. Jackson, and Bro. George Downs.

As the hour had now arrived for the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. The remainder of the day and the evening were occupied by the Maine Missionary Society, and the Maine Branch of the American Education Society; with the exception of an hour in the afternoon, when a discourse was delivered by Rev. Eli Smith, missionary from the East, giving an account of the sad effects produced by the prevalence of Mahommedanism, and of the grossest error of superstition under the sacred name of Chsistianity, in the countries which he had visited; and proposing, as the only remedy, the sending back of the true gospel, (accompanied with the fervent prayers of the church,) to those regions where it was first preached.

Thursday June 27th, the Conference again met, according to adjournment. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Pease.

Resolved, that it be recommended to the Directors, Teachers, and Scholars of Sabbath Schools throughout the State to take up a collection, once in three months, for the purpose of sustaining the agencies of the State Union. This resolution was offered by Rev. Mr. Johnson, and passed.

Many interesting statements were then made and remarks offered on the subject of missions among the heathen by Rev. Messrs. Smith (missionary) and Maltby; after which, the following resolution was adopted, having been moved by the clerk of the Conference, and seconded by Messrs. Pomroy and Clark.

Whereas we recognize it, as the duty of the churches and of individual christians to aim at publishing the gospel among all nations, and to every creature, as soon as possible:

Resolved, That we have learned with satisfaction, that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions are making vigorous exertions to extend their operations, and are determined to send forth every person of suitable qualifications, who shall offer himself for the missionary work, and that we pledge them our hearty co-operation in their designs.

Voted, That it be recommended to the churches to observe the first Monday of January next, as a day of fasting and prayer for the conversion of the world.

The *public* exercises now commenced with prayer after which a report of the state of religion within the bounds of this Conference was given by the Corresponding Secretary. Then followed reports from the delegates of foreign bodies—Messrs. McCartee, Brown, Maltby, Hazen, J. Smith, and Pease. Some account of the state of things in Rhode Island was given by Rev. Jotham Sewall also, as delegate from the General Conference of Maine to the Evangelical Consociation of that State.

The cause of seamen was very briefly presented by the Rev. Mr. Tenney, preacher to seamen in Portland.

The Rev. Solomon Adams presented a resolution which passed, recommending it to the ministers and churches, connected with this Conference, throughout the State, to promote, as much as possible, the circulation of the Christian Mirror.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Brown of Vermont, and the conference adjourned until half past 2 P. M.

The exercises of the afternoon were commenced with prayer by Rev. Mr. Dodd. A letter was then read, addressed by the Secretaries of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, to the Rev. Asa Cummings, as Corresponding Secretary of this Conference.

The sermon before the Conference was from 2 Thessalonians 3. 16. 'Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means.' After sermon a contribution was taken up for the Conference.

In the administration of the sacrament to upwards of 1000 communicants, the Rev. Dr. McCartee, and the Rev. Eli Smith officiated, and the service was concluded with an address to the impenitent by the Rev. A. Peters, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society.

After the congregation had been dismissed, the Treasurer's Report, having been audited by bro. W. C. Mitchell was accepted.—Rev. G. C. Beckwith was appointed treasurer.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. T. Adams, were adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference reciprocate the christian and fraternal regard expressed by the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and that we would most heartily welcome a deputation from that body, and will gladly depute one of our own to visit them in person, as soon as Providence shall open the way.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary communicate more fully the friendly sentiments of this Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Tyler, Rev. Mr. Beckwith, and bro. William Cutter were appointed a committee to prepare and lay before the churches, a

plan for systematic giving to the various objects of christian benevolence.

Voted, That the Minutes of this meeting and the Report of the state of religion be published, as usual, under direction of the Secretaries, and the Rev. Asa Cummings.

Voted, To adjourn, in expectation that the next meeting of the Conference will be held in Bath, on the Tuesday, next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June 1834.

Attest B. TAPPAN, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT

On the State of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

THE character of the Report to be presented on this occasion has doubtless been anticipated. We have expected to hear from the churches in our connexion the statement that religion is low ; and such indeed is the intelligence from all parts of the State. There is not that devotional spirit, and that zeal for God, and for the conversion of souls, which commonly attend a revival of religion. The additions to the churches, however, have been much more numerous than they commonly were five and ten years since.

In exhibiting the state of religion within our bounds, it should be here observed that the report of one County Conference refers to a year, closing last August; of another to a year closing in September, and other reports close the year with October, or December. This occasions a confusion, which ought if possible to be avoided; and this object might be accomplished by having the annual reports of the Conferences made at the Spring meetings.

Beginning at the eastern extremity of the State, the churches in WASHINGTON Conference first come under our survey. This Conference comprises ten churches, of which seven are supplied with pastors, the other churches, Robbinston, Lubec and Cooper, are at present not only without pastors, but also without the preaching of the gospel. All the reports from the churches speak of Sabbath Schools as in successful

operation ; and most of them assure us of an increasing interest in the monthly distribution of Tracts, in the various benevolent objects, which are before the public, especially in the cause of Temperance. It is not known that one person, connected with any of the churches, traffics in ardent spirit, and but few of the members use it. A revival of religion is not now enjoyed in any of the churches ; but they are permitted to witness some very happy effects of those seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, with which they were favored in months past.

Hancock and Waldo. In the report of last year it was said " No conference had made so cheerless and melancholy a report, as this." The same remark may be repeated with emphasis now. It reports 14 admissions, 11 by profession and three by letter, and it exhibits a loss of 15 by death, dismission and excommunication. The churches here are entitled to our sympathy, our prayers and our aid. They constitute a little band of 691 members in a population of 54,000 ; and distributed into 15 churches, located in 15 out of 54 towns. But God is yet in the midst of them. During the year 1832 religion was low, but since the commencement of the present year some precious fruits of sovereign grace present themselves. The Pastor of the church in Brooksville under date of May 27, 1833 writes. " Religion in this church has for some time been in a very low state. There has been no addition by profession to the church since its first formation, seven years ago, until this spring. A revival of religion commenced here last January, which proved to be a very powerful work for the short time it continued. Eighteen have united with the church ; and it is expected that others will come forward the next communion. The sabbath school cause has received a new impulse."

Penobscot. The Sabbath School cause is advancing. Four agents have been employed several weeks to explore the county, and wake up an interest in its favor. The Temperance cause prospers, and several agents have been employed to carry forward this reform. The Bible cause likewise advances. The Bible Society of the County have an agent exploring the County, and putting things in train to supply the destitute. An increasing interest is felt in some parts of the County to supply destitute places with the stated means of grace ; and a generous sum has already been pledged to aid Home Missions, particularly by some members in the

church and congregation in Bangor. The Report of the Conference Jany. 1833, states that at the commencement of 1832 the first church in Brewer enjoyed an interesting season, as the result of a protracted meeting. Several persons were awakened, and a few cases of hopeful conversion occurred. A similar blessing was bestowed on the second church in Brewer, following the annual meeting of the conference in Jan. 1832. A considerable addition has been made to the church in Foxcroft. In Hampden, since the commencement of the present year, there has been some special attention to religion, followed by several instances of hopeful conversion. In the large and flourishing church in Bangor, embracing as it does about one third of the total of the congregation too, a liberal spirit prevails, and their gifts to religious objects rise to thousands of dollars.

Lincoln. There has been an increased interest in Sabbath schools. Many adults have formed themselves into classes, and there prevails a feeling that this is a privilege. The eyes of the church, it is believed, are turned to this institution with greater hope and expectation. Of the eighteen churches connected with the conference only eight now have pastors. Four others however enjoy a stated supply. One pastor has been settled during the year, and three have been dismissed, two of them for reasons connected with temporal support, and the other for conduct of a grossly immoral tendency. This last case is that of Rev. Charles L. Cook, late of Boothbay. Soon after the last meeting of this conference unfavorable reports were in circulation respecting the conduct of Mr. Cook, charging him with gross and abominable lewdness, by the mutual practice of Onanism with young men of his own and neighboring towns, the details of which could not be spread before the public, without danger of corrupting the minds and morals of the community. On the eighteenth of September last, a public investigation of his conduct, in relation to this charge, was ordered by his church, which took place in the meeting-house at Boothbay, on which occasion he had the benefit of legal advice and assistance, and which resulted in his full conviction. On the 30th of October he was tried by an Ecclesiastical Council, mutually chosen by himself and the church, and found guilty by abundant proof, and, subsequently, by his own confession, of conduct, of which, for disgusting vileness, it is presumed, the annals of New England do not furnish another example in a professedly christian minister.

By an unanimous vote, the council dismissed him from his pastoral relation, without the usual recommendations; and advised him to devote himself to some secular calling. Finding his character gone, and himself cut off from the christian ministry, in our churches; he joined himself, about two months afterwards, to a Universalist Association in Boston, and is now a preacher of that denomination.

The year past has not been a period of revivals, a pleasing attention to religion has however existed in Wiscasset. Between forty and fifty express a hope; and a large proportion of these are young persons. Twelve have been propounded for admission to the church. The pastor of the church says, "Two causes appear to have been blessed of God in the promotion of this work. One of these was the more than usual efforts made during the past winter in the Temperance cause, by the church. The revival seemed to follow in the wake of these efforts. The other was, the plan adopted for the first time, and carried into general and successful operation, of visiting the members of the church, by a committee appointed for that purpose. By this, christians appeared to be awakened in some measure, and with us, as in almost every other place, the attention to religion evidently commenced in their breasts.

In New Castle the church appear to have been blessed with some increased degree of a spirit of engagedness and prayer; and a few cases of awakening and hopeful conversion in connexion with it occurred a few weeks since, and a little seriousness still exists.

The pastor of the church in Phipsburg, while he represents the state of religion as low among his church and people, communicates the following interesting fact. "Several masters of vessels belonging to Phipsburg, a part of whom were members of the Church, together with other pious Captains, from different parts of the United States, in the Providence of God, met at a port in one of the W. I. Islands, the last winter. They appear to have been much engaged in the cause of their Master and Lord. They commenced without delay, a regular prayer meeting on board each other's vessels. These were maintained with spirit, and with interest to all who attended. Besides this, they also made it a point to converse with their fellow shipmasters, and with their crews on the great truths of religion. Soon a seriousness began to be witnessed among them, and this increased in some to a deep conviction of their sinful and ruined state. In a few weeks

several were indulging hope in the mercy of God. Among these was a sea-captain belonging to Phipsburg, who had a pious mate; and religious services were immediately commenced on board his vessel; and by their faithfulness and prayers, they were instrumental of awakening the attention of the crew, two of whom, it is hoped, experienced religion on the passage home; and it is believed they have since exhibited satisfactory evidence that their hope is such as will not make them ashamed." These facts have produced in the church in Phipsburg a deeper feeling for seamen, have led to the establishment of the concert of prayer for seamen, and to a determination to aid the Seamen's Friend Society by a donation sufficient to make their pastor a life member. It should be remarked here, that no State in the Union has more reason to study the spiritual interest of seamen than Maine, with its long and indented coast, its fisheries, and its extensive coasting and foreign trade.

Kennebec. The Report of this Conference for the year ending Sept. 1832 is published in a pamphlet. Our limits will not permit us to go into its details. Though it represents religion as not flourishing, yet it states that Sabbath schools, Temperance and Benevolent Societies prosper. The churches during the year received some of the precious fruits of the revivals of 1831, as Winthrop 17, Temple 22, and Augusta South Parish 26. The last has increased in two years from 120 to 180 members.

Among the hopeful conversions in Clinton was a man over 80 years of age. For many years he had been in the habit of using ardent spirits to excess. More than a year since, says the report, he came forward, and united with the Temperance Society, and has since indulged the hope that he has passed from death to life. Another case is one which illustrates the usefulness of Tracts. A young man endeavored to quiet himself in sin by the idea that all will eventually be saved. While on a bed of sickness, he was visited, and presented with the tract on Universalism, written by Dr. Hawes. He read, was offended, and destroyed it. Conscience then spoke, condemned him, and whispered that all was not well. This led him to read with seriousness his Bible, and other religious books, and disposed him to listen to the preaching of the gospel.—Thus he saw, that the hope on which he built, was delusive, and that he needed a better foundation to rest his soul on for eternity. Hence he fled as a ruined sinner to Christ, and we trust will hold on his way, and wax stronger and stronger.

As an example of the benevolent spirit, prevailing in this Conference,it may be observed, that the church in Hallowell contributed seven hundred dollars to religious objects during the year. The Sabbath school in Winthrop village deserves to be held up for imitation over the state. "Of the 278 connected with this school, more than 100 are adults." Connected with all the schools are 328. "'It is very animating" says the report "to witness such a number engaged from Sabbath to Sabbath in the social study of the scriptures, embracing persons from under four to over eighty years of age.

Somerset. One of the churches, that in Strong, has, within the year, been deprived of its pastor. He continued not by reason of death. His end was peace. He rests from his labors, and his works will follow him. He was much beloved by his people; and while he was able to labor, devoted to their best interests all his strength and influence. As a dying proof that the cause of missions lay near his heart, and that he felt for the heathen, he left a bequest of $50 to the American Board. The bereaved church is not forsaken. They have not suffered the temple-worship to decline, but have enjoyed stated preaching, and now have invited Rev. William May to become their pastor. Of the churches destitute of a pastor since our last annual meeting, says the Report of June 18th 1833, five have had pastors settled over them since that period, viz. those in Industry, Mercer, Fairfield, Bloomfield and St. Albans, making at the present time nine pastors, a majority of whom have been settled during the year. Of these nine pastors, only two are expected to labor with their own people the whole time. The others will preach occasionally in their respective vicinities.

Though a general languor pervades the churches, in some of them, individuals are giving signs of returning life, and are entertaining strong hopes that the Lord is about to appear and bestow a blessing. During the year more has been done to extend the Sabbath school system than ever before. Agents, by aid of the State Union, have explored the County, and established schools wherever practicable. Temperance Societies multiply, and increase in numbers. Merchants in several places are discontinuing the traffic in ardent spirits, and in Norridgewock the merchants occupying five stores, have recently agreed to abandon the sale of this deadly poison.—Some in other towns have resolved to deal out destruction to their fellow men, *but a little longer.*

The objects of benevolence take a stronger hold of the hearts

of some; and if they have not been more liberal to foreign institutions, they have done more to support the ordinances of religion at home. The state of religion now in comparison with the previous year is this, then there was a net increase in the conference of 125 members, but now only nine. The settlement of five pastors in addition to the small number of four is, however, a most encouraging token of God's gracious designs respecting this part of his heritage.

Oxford. From this Conference no intelligence is received later than that contained in the General Report of last year, except the brief statement in the Mirror respecting the Conference held the eighteenth of this month, that "The report on the state of the churches was such in regard to revivals in progress, as most of our Conferences would be compelled to give—these merciful visitations being comparatively few, and undistinguished by their extent and power."

Cumberland. There are now 34 churches connected with this Conference. Their last annual report is dated Jan. 1833. This is a striking fact in the report, as also in the reports of other Conferences, that Sabbath Schools are unusually flourishing, that the spirit of benevolence manifestly prevails, and that the cause of Temperance has greatly revived. The statement from one church will apply extensively to this Conference, and indeed to the General Conference. "Though this church has increased but little in numbers the past year, it has, as is thought, gained considerably in strength. Our contributions to benevolent objects though small, have been more than doubled. The number of names on our Temperance list has increased three fifths. A growing interest is manifested in the cause of Sabbath Schools, and the number of scholars is considerably enlarged." The churches however generally acknowledge and lament the absence of zeal in christians, and the departure of the Holy Spirit. The report closes in the following language. "But while we remember with gratitude, the mercies with which we are still favored, we cannot, and *should not*, be unmindful of the change which a few short months have made in the general prosperity of our beloved Zion. In the memorable year, marked throughout our country, as a year of the right hand of the Most High, seven hundred and eighty three were reported as having enrolled themselves among the followers of the Redeemer. Now *only* three hundred and five, a little less than two fifths of the number, and many of these no doubt were among the fruits of

the revival with which at that time we were blessed. *Then*, our churches with hardly an exception, lived in peace, and "walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." *Now*, from most of them, the glory has departed, and in some, discord and alienation are exerting their baneful influence. Then the kingdom of heaven suffered violence, and men every where were pressing into it. The frequent exclamation was, who are these that fly as a cloud and as doves to their windows? *Now*, only here and there an individual is found who "stirreth up himself to take hold on God." *Then* we sang the praise of our Redeeming King. *Now*, too generally, we forget his works. O let us weep in view of the melancholy contrast, search out the cause of it and repent. And let it be our humble and importunate supplication, 'Return, we beseech thee, O God of Hosts; look down from Heaven, and behold and visit us. Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.'

York. The Report of this Conference for the year ending last October says, "The kingdom of Christ is evidently advancing among us. The spirit of benevolence prevails. Temperance principles and habits are gaining ground. The churches are growing. And religion more thoroughly influences the whole public mind.' Of Biddeford first parish it is said, that a protracted meeting in connection with the installation of their present pastor was blessed to the hopeful conversion of several persons. The attention was not extensive, nor of long continuance. A few cases of seriousness took place during the winter. On the 29th of May 1832, a four days meeting was commenced, when the influences of the Holy Ghost were shed down, humbling and animating Christians, and awakening and converting sinners. Since then more than 30 have expressed a hope of eternal life. Of Saco, it is stated in the Report, This church has been favored with the continual dews of divine grace during the year. The Spirit of God has been poured out upon different sections of the town, and it is believed that there has been no time during the year, when his operations have been entirely suspended. The Sabbath School has shared in the blessing. Some facts have here shewn the happy influence of Sabbath School instruction on those who *give*, as well as on those who receive it. Erom the Sabbath School *eleven* have united with the church, six teachers and five scholars. Others also indulge hopes, who have not yet professed religion. While a

goodly number of the young have thus remembered their Creator in the days of their youth, some who have passed their three score years and ten have in the judgment of charity been brought into the kingdom of Christ. The church have seen much to encourage them and strengthen their faith in the promises of God. Probably more than forty individuals are now indulging the hope that they have passed from death to life. Of this number ten or more are scholars in the Sabbath School. These, added to the number reported, make a total of 32 who have united with the church, and of 44 who have indulged a hope in the Sabbath School, within the last year and a half.

About the time the Report of the Conference was drawn up, Scotland parish in York was enjoying the influences of the Holy Spirit attending the labors of Rev. Mr. Carruthers. When Mr. Carruthers visited this church, it contained only six members; but it soon received the important accession of eleven, and now, after remaining destitute twenty-eight years, they have some prospect of the re-settlement of the ministry of the gospel among them. The labors of Mr. Carruthers have also been recently blessed in the hopeful conversion of about thirty in the northern part of Kennebunkport. The following statement of additions will shew that 1832 was, as well as 1831, a season of mercy to the churches in York Co. York first church received 25 by profession, Biddeford 1st, 14, Biddeford 2d, 12, Lyman 34, Saco 38, and Wells first church 53. Saco has still further been favored, so that, in 15 months ending Dec. last, it had received 52 by profession.

The Theological Institution at Bangor has experienced, the past year, the liberality of the churches. A deeper interest has been awakened in its prosperity, and young men of this State, who seek a Theological education, after going through the studies of College, are expected more generally to resort here for that purpose. Its importance will be estimated by this Conference from the fact, that more than one fifth of the pastors of our churches are from Bangor Seminary, although, while supplying us with these ministers, it has been struggling with many difficulties. Its usefulness will be greatly enhanced, when it shall be well endowed, and when, in addition to the increased population of other sections of the State, the fertile lands watered by the Penobscot and its branches shall be densely settled.

Bowdoin College should be dear to the churches, as they were pastors of our communion who first proposed this institution; as it was religion that suggested it, and as the churches absolutely need such a school of learning. And the past history of the institution shews that God has not forsaken it; and now, numbers of the young men, who are to preach the gospel among us, are here acquiring the necessary mental cultivation; and here too are forming their religious character. The influences of the Holy Spirit have

occasionally been shed down here in gentle effusions; and recently, correct religious feelings have been happily promoted by some young men, devoted to Foreign Missions, and here pursuing for a while medical studies, preparatory to their labors in benighted lands.

After looking at the several parts of the State in detail, we observe on a general view of the whole, that the churches are acquiring strength in numbers, and in a disposition and ability to support the ordinances of the gospel; we observe that our Benevolent Societies prosper; that the cause of Temperance advances, with recently augmented power, and that Sabbath Schools have received, the present season, a fresh impulse. We observe also that there are some instances of the special effusion of the Holy Spirit. A want of earnestness in religion is however generally acknowledged, and actually exists. We will not think alone of what WE shall do to revive religion; but we believe from the word of God, and from his past works of grace, that he will come in his own time and way, and will work gloriously in quickening his people, and in converting unbelievers. Even now he is working, in awakening in christians a consciousness of unfaithfulness, in preparing young men for the gospel ministry, in giving pastors to the Churches, in pouring out a spirit of benevolence upon christians, in blessing the efforts of the friends of Temperance, and in communicating the knowledge of himself to the young by means of Sabbath Schools. In all this God is operating for the advancement of his cause within our borders. The work is all his; and his shall be all the glory.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The number of members in every church is not reported; and should these be added to the number in the table, the total of members in the churches would be about 12,600. The net gain as reported is 740. The pastors are named, not as they were at the date of the reports; but according to the latest intelligence. By the column shewing the population in proportion to church members, it appears that church members connected with the Cumberland Conference are much more numerous in comparison with the population than in most other Conferences, and Oxford Conference stands next in the comparative number of its members. In Oxford Conference, there are in the same population, for instance, more than three church members where there is one in Somerset.

In the whole State there is one church member of our denomination to every thirty of the population. In New Hampshire and in Massachusetts one to fifteen; and in Vermont one to each twelve.

From Oxford there has been no statistical report this year and the total is taken from the Report of the General Conference the last year.

WASHINGTON.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals				
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Bap.
Calais	A. B.Church	8	3	1	1		44	
Cooper							15	
Dennysville	R. Crosset	22		2			75	
East Machias	T. T. Stone	24		2	2		98	19
Eastport	W. Gale	27	1	1	2		57	25
Lubec							27	
Machias	A. Jackson	10		2	2		107	9
Machias Port	G. Bacheller	7		3			52	4
Perry	B. Roberts	3					84	
Robbinston		6		2			34	
10	7	107	4	13	7		593	57

KENNEBEC.

Churches	Pastors	Additions		Removals			Wh. No.	Bap
		Prof	Let.	D'th	Dis	Ex.		
Albion	Daniel Lovejoy						45	
Augusta North Par.	Jos. Underwood	8					55	15
" South	Benj. Tappan	26	6		2		184	40
Chesterville	Jotham Sewall			3	2		64	
Clinton	Nelson Bishop						28	
Farmington	Isaac Rogers	2		4			79	4
Hallowell	George Shepard	11	3	3	2		182	21
Litchfield	David Starret	11		1	1		75	6
New Sharon	J. A. Vinton	6					58	11
Pittston		13					53	6
Sidney	H.Richardson						14	
Temple	Simeon Hackett	22	3	2			82	
Unity							8	
Vassalborough	Thomas Adams	5		2		1	98	2
Waterville		2					15	6
Weld	Hermon Stinson	10					90	15
Wilton	Samuel Talbot		1				19	
Winslow							23	
Windsor		4	1		3		47	1
Winthrop	David Thurston	17		2	7		177	15
20	15	137	14	18	17	1	1396	

SOMERSET.

Anson				1	2		16	1
Bingham							45	
Bloomfield	G.W.Hathaway	2		1	6		95	
Cornville							9	
Fairfield	Isaac E. Wilkins	5					49	4
Freeman							6	
Industry	Alden Boynton			2			47	
Kingfield							4	
Madison	Josiah Tucker	2		1			21	5
Mercer	Oren Sikes		3				51	2
New Vineyard	David Turner		1				16	
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet				2		98	17
Phillips		2					36	5
Solon	G. W. Fargo	6	1		1		70	6
St. Albans	Nathan Douglas		7				21	
Strong	Wm. May						59	
16	10	17	12	8	12		633	40

THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, Was formed in Portland Oct. 16. 1828 by a Convention of Clergymen called for this purpose. Its object is to relieve the indigent widows and children of deceased Congregational Ministers. The Society was incorporated by the Legislature of Maine in Feb. 1829. By the Constitution "all the Congregational Ministers of Maine for the time being shall be considered members of this Society."

The Officers chosen, June 1833, *are*

Rev. ALLEN GREELY, *President.*
ELIPHALET GILLET, D. D. *Vice President.*
Rev. CHARLES FREEMAN, *Secretary.*
" CALEB BRADLEY, *Treasurer.*

Trustees.

Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, WILLIAM LADD, Esq.
" THADDEUS POMEROY, Rev. D. M. MITCHELL,
WILLIAM ALLEN, D. D. " ASA CUMMINGS,
E. D. WOODFORD, Esq.

LINCOLN.

Churches	Pastors	Addtions		Removals		Ex	Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	lett.	D'th	Dis			
Alna	Enos Merrill st.sp.	14		2	2	1	61	14
Bath North	J. W. Ellingwood	11	1	2	1	2	187	25
" South							90	
Boothbay		18					112	13
Bremen							12	
Bristol		19	1	2		2	52	7
Camden	Darwin Adams	1	3	2			81	
Edgecomb	D. Kendrick st. sp	30		3	2		123	25
New Castle	J. Sewall, Jr.	2	2		1		71	6
Phipsburg,	John Boynton	4			4		185	7
Topsham	J.T. Hawes, st. sp.	3	1		1		64	3
Thomaston	Richard Woodhull	3			2		115	4
Union				6	2		40	1
Waldoborough	D. M. Mitchell	6		1		1	125	12
Warren 2d	Edward F. Cutter	4					69	4
Washington		1		2	4		32	3
Wiscasset	Seneca White		6	3			108	
Woolwich	J. C. Goss, st. sp.			2			50	
18	12	116	14	30	20	6	1387	124

OXFORD.

Albany					65	
Andover	W. C. Greenleaf	17	2		44	
Bethel	Charles Frost				107	
Brownfield					42	
Denmark		1		1	34	
Dixfield	Daniel Libbey				22	
Fryeburg	Carleton Hurd				215	
Gilead	Henry White					1
Hiram					26	
Lovell	Valentine Little				79	
Norway	H. A. Merrill				89	
Paris	Joseph Walker				14	
" North					42	
Rumford	Daniel Gould					
Sweden	Valentine Little				42	
Sumner	Samuel Sewall				94	
Turner	Allen Greely				80	
Waterford	J. A. Douglass				185	1
18	13	18	2	1	1438	

Application in behalf of the widows and children, the Society is formed to relieve, may be made through any of the officers. The application must "be made in writing addressed to the Secretary, and shall contain answers to the following inquiries; "What is the age of the widow for whom aid is requested? What are the number, the sex, the ages and the circumstances of her children? What is the fair estimate of her property? What connexions has she, who are able to assist her, and what assistance do they give her? What is her name? What peculiar circumstances render her an object of charity, or make it desirable that she should have aid the present year."

The Annual Meeting of the Society is on Tuesday Evening next preceding the Fourth Wednesday in June, when a sermon is delivered before the Society, and a collection taken up for its objects. First preacher for the next anniversary, Rev. Bennet Tyler, 2d preacher, Rev. John W. Ellingwood.

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap.
		Prof.	lett.	D'th	Dis	Ex.		
Baldwin&Sebago	Noah Emerson	1					20	1
Bridgton,		18	1	3	15		52	
" South	J. P. Fessenden	18	1	1			35	18
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams	8			4		108	11
Cape Elizabeth	J. G. Merrill	10	2				37	
Cumberland	Isaac Weston	6		1	1		197	15
Danville		2					10	1
Durham		16		2				6
1st Falmouth	Wm. Miltimore	5						9
2d Falmouth				2			47	9
Freeport	C. H. Kent	5	1	2	4		148	5
Gorham	T. Pomeroy	5	1	3	1		221	13
Gray		2	1	1	2		67	2
Harrison								
Harpswell	Wm. Harlow			3			28	1
Hebron & West								
Minot	James Gooch	11		1			70	10
Lewiston	W. B. Adams	2	6				18	
Minot	Elijah Jones	26		1	10		231	19
N. Gloucester	Benj. Rice	8		1	3	2	129	15
1st. N. Yarmouth	David Shepley	8	1	8	2	2	275	42
2d N. Yarmouth	Caleb Hobart	5		1		1	126	9
Otisfield		3					79	
Poland	J. P. Richardson			1			58	
2d Portland	Bennet Tyler	13	7	7	27	11	529	32
3d do	W. T. Dwight	19	16	5	10	1	249	20
High st. ch. do.	G. C. Beckwith	2	20	1			83	3
Pownal	Perez Chapin	2		1			130	11
Raymond							20	
Scarborough	Thomas Jameson	8	2		2		108	
Standish	Thos. Tenney	4		3		1	123	12
Westbrook	H. C. Jewett		1	2	1		98	10
Westbrook 2d par.	Joseph Searle	9					32	13
Windham	J. L. Hale	28	1		1		46	46
34	25	244	61	50	83	18	3374	333

PENOBSCOT.

Bangor	S. L. Pomroy	6	11	6	1		257	
Brewer 1st	Wales Lewis	6					61	
" 2d	C. R. Fisk	9	2			1	84	
Brownville	N. W. Sheldon		1			1	60	
Burlington	J. R. Munsell	1		1		1	20	
Dixmont		1					10	
Foxcroft	Tho. Williams	24					102	
Garland		1		1		1	26	
Hampden							38	
Lincoln		1	2				11	
Milo							15	
Monson	A. Hubbard		2				72	
Orono	Josiah Fisher			1			31	
Sangerville	H.Sewall sup.	2	2				30	
Williamsburg		1		2	1		9	
Exeter		3	2				17	
16	9	55	22	11	2	4	844	

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Churches	Pastors	Additions.		Removals			Tot	Bap
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis	Ex		
Aurora	Sylvester Clapp						18	2
Belfast 1st	Silas McKeen	4	1				84	
Bluehill	Jona. Fisher	4		3			73	13
Brooksville	Manning Ellis						12	
Bucksport	Mighill Blood						94	
Castine Trin Ch.	Wooster Parker	3	1				40	
Deer Isle								
Ellsworth	Peter Nourse			2	4		33	
Frankfort							15	
Jackson & Brooks	A.G.Duncan						40	
Mount Desert							149	
Prospect	Steph. Thurston			3	2		131	
Sedgewick							17	
Sullivan							8	
Swanville			1				17	
15	8	11	3	8	6	1	691	

YORK.

Acton	Mr. Cornish sup's	4					48	
Alfred	Abner Fisk	1		1			97	1
Berwick							20	
Biddeford 1st	Stephen Merrill	4	2	5	9		112	
" 2d		12	8				78	
Buxton	Levi Loring	11	11	1	4		105	5
Elliot							110	
Kennebunk	Joseph Fuller	3	4		1		76	4
Kennebunk Port	Levi Smith						125	
Kittery					3		39	1
Lebanon	James Weston						114	
Limerick	Charles Freeman	11					103	18
Limington	C. F. Page	5			1		60	6
Lyman	John Gunnison	34	2	3	2		170	39
Newfield	David P. Smith				3		47	1
Parsonsfield	" "			3			55	5
Saco	Sam'l Johnson	38		2	2	1	217	24
Sanford	Elisha Bacon	9		3			70	18
Shapleigh	Mr Cornish suppl's	4					5	
South Berwick	Seth H. Keeler	8		3	4		131	9
Wells 1st	Wm. Clark	53		4	7		266	27
" 2d	C. S. Adams	12	19				49	14
York 1st	Eber Carpenter	25		3			101	6
" 2d		10					16	
24	17	264	36	31	38	2	2014	178

RECAPITULATION.

	Prof	Let.	D'th	Dis	Ex	Tot.	*Population to each church	member.	
Cumberland	244	61	50	83	18	3374	*17	25	34
Hancock & Waldo	11	3	8	6	1	691	79	8	15
Kennebec	137	14	18	17	1	1396	37	15	20
Lincoln	116	14	30	20	6	1387	41	12	18
Oxford						1438	23	13	18
Penobscot	55	22	11	2	4	844	37	9	16
Somerset	17	12	8	12		633	56	10	16
Washington	107	4	13	7		593	36	7	10
York	264	36	31	38	2	2014	25	17	24
9	950	176	169	185	32	12370	30	123	166

MINUTES

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MINUTES.

The Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Maine, commenced on the 24th of June, 1834, at the meeting house of the Rev. J. W. Ellingwood in Bath. Present, as members of Conference, the following delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

Rev. Stephen Morse, " John Gunnison, " Charles Freeman, Dr. Abiel Hall,	York.
Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, " Joseph Searle,	Cumberland.
Rev. Nath'l Chapman, " Seneca White, Bro. Wilmot Wood,	Lincoln.
Rev. George Shepard, " Jona. Belden, " Simeon Hackett, Bro. Wm. Stickney, " John Titcomb,	Kennebec.
Rev. Mighill Blood, " Silas McKeen, Bro. Samuel Adams,	Hancock & Waldo.
Rev. Professor Pond, " Joseph Underwood, Deac. Eliashib Adams,	Penobscot.
Rev. Carlton Hurd, " John A. Douglas, " James P. Richardson, Deac. Reuel Barrows, " Wm. Warren, Bro. Jer. Mitchell,	Oxford.
Rev. Josiah Peet, George W. Hathaway, Bro. Joseph Locke,	Somerset.
Rev. W. Gale,	Washington.

Members *ex officiis.*

Rev. Messrs. S. Johnson, J. W. Ellingwood, D. M. Mitchell, D. Shepley, G. C. Beckwith, E. Jones, I. Rogers, C. Hobart, D. P. Smith, C. H. Kent, and R. Woodhull.

Delegate from General Convention of Vermont, Rev. D. Blodgett. From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church Rev. Wm. Neill D. D.

The Moderator having removed from the State, Rev. Samuel Johnson was chosen Moderator; and the Secretary was requested to officiate, until Mr. J. should arrive.

The Scriptures were read, and prayer was offered by the Moderator pro tem.

Voted, that all Congregational ministers present be invited to assist in our deliberations.

The Rev. Messrs. Ellingwood, White, and Adams, of Vassalborough, were appointed a committee of arrangements, and the Rev. Messrs. Blood, Chapman, and Richardson a committee of nominations.

A letter was read from Rev. Swan L. Pomroy, giving some account of his attendance as a delegate from this body to the General Assembly. Verbal statements were given by Rev. G. E. Adams of his attendance upon a meeting of the General Association of Connecticut; and by Rev. E. Jones of his attendance at a meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire.

A report was presented from the committee, appointed at the last annual meeting, to visit the Institution at Bangor; and, after being read, was referred to a committee, consisting of a member from each County, viz: Rev. Messrs. Clark, S. White, T. Pomeroy, Blood, Hurd, Pond, Sikes, Shepard, and Jackson.

A letter having been read from Dr. Wisner of Mass. proposing an alteration of the time of our annual meeting, the subject was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Greely, D. Thurston, and Mitchell.

After prayer by Rev. I. W. Putnam of Portsmouth, N. H., a sermon was delivered by Professor Pond from Luke II, 14, and the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. The Conference having voted to spend an hour in devotional exercises, prayers were offered by the Moderator, and by Rev. Messrs. Dwight and Blodgett.

The Rev. Mr. Bliss of Boston, Agent of the American Tract Society, communicated some very encouraging facts in relation to existing facilities for the distribution of Tracts in heathen countries; and, on motion of Rev. Mr. Beckwith, it was

Resolved, That this Conference approve of the late resolution of the American Tract Society, of Boston, to appropriate $8000 for the distribution of Tracts in foreign and pagan lands, and as a part of the $30,000, appropriated by the Am. Tract Society at N. York for the same purpose.

Upon motion of Rev. G. E. Adams the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the American Tract Society, at Boston, propose to raise the funds they need the present year, by appealing directly to each pastor and congregation, and naming the sum they wish them to give, as their estimated proportion of the whole amount:

Resolved, That this Conference approve of this plan, and recommend it to our churches for adoption.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT BANGOR.

The Committee, to whom had been referred the report of the Committee appointed, in 1833 to visit Bangor, having revised and amended that report, it was taken up, as amended, and accepted, and the resolotions annexed to it were adopted. The report and resolutions were as follows:

The Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the General Conference to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, report: That, at the last anniversary of the Seminar , only *four* of the eighteen persons appointed to this service met at Bangor, namely: Rev. Messrs. McKeen, Hathaway, and Lewis, and Bro Samuel Adams. Having witnessed the exercises on that occasion, with which they were gratified, they made the necessary arrangements for exhibiting the state of the Institution at the next meeting of this body. In accordance with this arrangement your Committee now call your attention to the following particulars.

Subscription. Of the thirty thousand dollars proposed to be raised for the benefit of this Seminary, about twenty five thousand have been secured; the greater part to be paid in four annual instalments. Something more has been *talked* about, but as no certain *pledges* were given, it is not considered safe, at present, to calculate on receiving more than the above sum. The first instalment has been mostly paid, and the second becomes due in August next.

Library. This consists of between two and three thousand volumes, and contains many very valuable and important works. Considerable additions have been made the present year. Some valuable donations have been received, and purchases have been made to the amount of about three thousand dollars. Its increase, however, is much less than it was the year previous.

Buildings. A new and elegant building, 106 feet long, 38 feet wide, and four stories high, has been erected and finished externally. One half is finished inside. The other half is in progress, and will be finished as soon as practicable. This building is designed chiefly for the accommodation of students, and when all finished will accommodate sixty four. The cost, when completed, is thirteen thousand dollars. Of this sum, nine thousand one hundred and thirty seven dollars and thirty nine cents have been paid. The old building will accommodate between 20 and 30 students, besides the boarding establishment.

Officers. There are two Professors in the Theological department, and one Instructor in the Classical. These gentlemen appear to be well fitted for their respective stations, and spare no pains to promote the best interests of the Seminary. Their labors are deemed highly satisfactory.

Students. The whole number of students in the Seminary, studying with a view to the gospel ministry, is fifty six. Fourteen in the Theological department, and forty two in the Classical. Additions to the Classical school are frequently made, and it is expected that a large number will enter the Theological department in the Autumn. Some of those in the Classical school are preparing for College; but the greater part are preparing, by a prescribed course of classical studies to enter directly upon Theological studies. It is recommended by the Professors of the Seminary, that, as a general thing, students under twenty one years of age should go through College, before entering upon a course of Theological studies. Those preparing directly for the Seminary, are with scarcely an exception, between the ages of twenty one and thirty. The students are considered promising young men, both as to talents and piety, and, in general, are good scholars.

Board, including washing and mending, is one
The students furnish their own wood and lights.
dollars.

Assistance. Indigent students, who bring sat
appear promising, may either become beneficiari
tion Society, or be assisted from the funds of t
amount, and on the same principle as though the
Society. That is, in the Classical department t
dollars a year, and in the Theological, seventy fiv
what they can earn by manual labor, school keep
will enable them, generally, to pay their board,
expenses. Indigent students are frequently aide
from efficient female helpers in Bangor, and othe
aid is very acceptable. More of it is desirable.
and flourishing garden, manual labor of various
dents, for which they receive suitable compensat

Prospects. The prospects of the Seminary are
ging. If it be properly sustained, it will in a fe
friends desire. A good state of feeling prevails
cated, as this Institution is, in a central and flour
influence and usefulness must be great. In this
are highly promising. Its usefulness the year pa
pears from the results which have attended the p
fessors and students. Let this Seminary be pro
send forth annually a flood of religious influence,
rate and bless our churches.

Wants. On this particular, your Committee fir
for the Theological Professorship needs to be fill
three hundred and seventy three dollars, of the tw
have been collected. Four or five thousand more
fund sufficiently large to support the Professor.

The churches in Cumberland County have ple
the Biblical Professor; but owing to circumstanc
nally anticipated and could not be controlled, the
redeemed. It is very desirable that brethren in
measures, as soon as practicable, to put this pro

losophy have been delivered to the members of this school by the Theological Professor, and will be continued. A Philosophical Apparatus is needed immediately for this department; one that will cost between five and eight hundred dollars. Here is a fine opportunity for some liberal friend to science and to the Seminary to do a generous act, which would be of essential benefit. Is there no one who will make a donation for this object.

The Kennebec Conference are understood to have pledged four hundred dollars a year for the increase of the Library. Three hundred and seventy eight dollars and thirty seven cents were promptly paid the last year; but what has been done by the churches in that County for this object, since the last meeting of this body, is not known to your committee. It is of great importance that this sum should be continued. The Library must be increased regularly from some source or other. It is hoped that the churches in Kennebec County will not fail to furnish the means they have so liberally pledged.

Furniture is wanted for the rooms in the new building; 24 bedsteads and bedding suitable to lodge one person each; 4 dozen of chairs; 12 looking-glasses, and other necessary furniture. It is hoped that the good ladies of Maine will generously furnish a supply of bedding.

Dwelling houses are very much needed for the Professors. The Trustees are under obligations to provide them as soon as they can. It is important that these should be commenced this season.

Means of defraying expenses. These are subscriptions, notes of beneficiaries, and donations. The large subscription will meet some of the above mentioned expenses and wants; but it is manifestly inadequate to meet all. This Institution is becoming *a great establishment*, and money must be furnished from year to year. The churches must expect to hear the call, and it is hoped they will stand ready to meet it. Christians who have property must *think* of it, and *do* for it. They must remember it in their *Wills*, and *bless it in their death*.

State of the Treasury. Only forty six dollars and seventeen cents in the Treasury. The sum of three thousand and five hundred dollars, is to be paid the coming autumn to complete the contract for the new building and refund monies borrowed for that object. The incidental expenses of the Seminary are not included in this sum. It is found difficult to obtain money this season to carry forward those operations, which were commenced in more flourishing times. Subscribers should be in readiness to meet their next payments, if possible, in order to keep the Seminary free from great embarrassments. The general affairs of the Institution appear to be managed judiciously. It is believed that the Christian public will be satisfied with the use made of their benefactions, and gratified to witness the prosperity, usefulness, and prospects of this Seminary.

Your Committee have now given you the result of their investigations, and do hope that the subjects here presented, especially the *items of wants*, will receive your careful attention. It has been thought that one great difficulty, in the way of the prosperity of this Seminary, would be the want of students; but it is now believed that the greatest difficulty will be the want of funds. There will be no lack of students, only hold out to them the inducements which able and faithful professors, suitable accommodations, and judicious regulations, will afford. To create these inducements, funds, *ample funds* are necessary.

Should you appoint another Committee to visit the Seminary, it is hoped that they will more generally give attention to the business assigned them. It certainly is a matter of *very great* importance. It is a matter in which the Congregational churches of the State have a deep and common interest, and in respect to which, they ought to be annually and accurately informed.

By order of the Committee,

June 19, 1834. WALES LEWIS, *Chairman.*

The above Report, having been considered and discussed, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Report be accepted and offered for publication in the Christian Mirror.

2. *Resolved*, That this Conference hear, with lively interest, of the encouraging prospects of the Institution at Bangor, and of the progress which it has made during the last year. The Conference reciprocate the sentiments of the Committee in regard to the necessity of sustaining this Institution, and recommend to the County Conferences to take measures for aiding it, to the extent of their ability, and in such ways as by them shall be thought the most desirable.

3. *Resolved*, That the clerks of the county Conferences, be requested to bring this subject before the respective Conferences, at their next meetings.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to female benevolent Associations, connected with our churches, to aid, as they shall have ability, in furnishing bedding and articles of clothing for the benefit of the Institution at Bangor.

5. *Resolved*, That a Committee, consisting of one from each county Conference, and of which four at least shall be laymen, be annually appointed by the General Conference, to visit the Institution at Bangor, at the time of the Anniversary in September; that the brethren appointed should feel under particular obligations to fulfil their appointment; and that they report, not only to the General Conference, but also to the County Conferences.

The subject of *Peace* was brought forward by Rev. Mr. Beckwith;—and the following resolutions, moved by him, and seconded by William Ladd, Esq. with some additional remarks from Rev. Messrs. Th. Adams, Rogers, Jones, and Jackson, were adopted:

1. That we consider the prophecies of the Old Testament, and the precepts of the New, as justifying the expectation of a period, when war will be banished from the whole earth.

2. That our hope of this glorious consummation, though it may be hastened by the co-operation of *Philanthropists*, must depend, under God, mainly on the prayers and efforts of *Christians* for its accomplishment.

3. That while the *temporal* evils of war seem almost to defy calculation, we regard its agency in destroying the souls of men, and its baneful influence on the spiritual interests of the world, as the most lamentable of all its results, and as demanding the special attention of the Christian community.

4. That the prevalence among Christian nations of evangelical sentiments on the subject of peace, is necessary to prepare the way for the universal triumph of the Gospel.

5. That the nature of our institutions, the present circumstances of our country, and its influence on public opinion throughout the world, conspire to give the cause of peace peculiar claims on the friends of God and man in this land.

6. That we commend this cause to the Christian community as worthy of a place among the benevolent enterprises of the age, and recommend that ministers preach on the subject, and the churches observe, during the last week in December, the annual concert of prayer for the universal prevalence of peace on earth.

The subject of *Sabbath Schools* was presented by Rev. Mr. Wright, agent of the American Sabbath School Union; and the following resolutions, offered by the Rev. Mr. Clark, passed without debate:

Resolved, That, considering its relations to our country, to the church of God, and to the salvation of the world,—the American Sunday School Union is entitled to the sympathies, the prayers, and charitable contributions of the churches in this State.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of this Conference to take up collections and donations to aid the American Sunday School Union in their efforts in the South and West, and in heathen lands.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. G. E. Adams, and the Conference adjourned.

In the evening, after a prayer by Rev. Mr. Blodgett, a sermon was delivered before the Conference by the Rev. Mr. Bardwell, Agent for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, from Acts, 19: 20; and a contribution was taken up in aid of Foreign Missions.

Adjourned until 8 to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, June 25. At 5 o'clock, A. M, a meeting was attended by appointment of the Conference for prayer. At 8, a meeting was holden according to adjournment, for the transaction of business.

Agreeably to a report of the committee on nominations, the following appointments were made.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

York, Rev. Wm. Clark,
Cumberland, Rev. Asa Cummings,
Oxford, Rev. J. A. Douglass,
Lincoln, Dea. Jesse Page,
Somerset, Rev. Josiah Tucker,
Kennebec, Br. Theo. S. Brown,
Hancock and Waldo, Dea. Bliss Blodgett,
Penobscot, Br. Geo. Thatcher,
Washington, Rev. Thos. T. Stone.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Seneca White, Br. Wm. Cutter. *Substitutes.*—Rev. Samuel Johnson, Br. Wm. Ladd.

General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Messrs. D. M. Mitchell, Carlton Hurd. *Substitutes.*—Rev. Messrs. Isaac Rogers, Richard Woodhull.

General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Messrs. Stephen Morse, Wm. T. Dwight. *Substitutes*—Rev. Messrs. M. Blood, B. Rice.

General Association of New-Hampshire.

Rev. Messrs. J. Gunnison, Wm. Clark. *Substitutes.*—Rev. Messrs. Charles Soule, Charles Frost.

General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Messrs. Perez Chapin, Joseph Underwood. *Substitutes.*—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Walker, A. Greely.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Wales Lewis. *Substitute*—Rev. J. P. Fessenden.

PREACHERS.

First preacher, for the next meeting, Rev. Josiah Peet; second, Rev. D. M. Mitchell.

Dr. Neill presented, with some remarks, a resolution of the General Assembly which was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Thurston, Dwight, and Freeman.

The subject of holding correspondence with the Congregational Union of England and Wales, was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Tappan, and Mitchell.

The Rev. S. White was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Conference, and having reported, the Treasurer's account passed.

The report of the committee appointed the last year, on the subject of systematic giving to objects of benevolence, was read by Rev. Mr. Beckwith.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC CHARITY.

The Committee, appointed by the last General Conference "to prepare and lay before the churches a plan for systematic giving to the various objects of Christian benevolence," beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee, being fully convinced that no plan can meet the exigencies of every case, and satisfy the wishes of all, would only lay down a few general principles, and leave the churches to modify them in accordance with their respective circumstances. Perfect uniformity is not attainable; and the degree of it which we deem very desirable in our benevolent operations, will require of all concerned a spirit of candor and concession.

With these suggestions, which we hope will be continually borne in mind, your Committee would submit the following outlines or principles of "a plan for systematic giving to the various objects of Christian benevolence."

1. *Let the friends of benevolence in each congregation be organized into one association for all the recognized objects of religious charity.* We would recommend, except in very special cases, that the *church* should *as a body* resolve themselves into such an association, and thus assume the entire responsibility and control of raising funds for benevolent purposes.

2. *Let the different objects of benevolence be entrusted to the care of committees appointed by the Association.* In some churches, blest with a large number of active and efficient laborers in this cause, a distinct committee may be chosen for each of the leading objects of benevolence; but in churches less numerous, more widely scattered, or less favored with such members, several objects can be entrusted to one committee. At all events, however, specific provision should be made for all the recognized objects of benevolence, and responsibility be in every case concentrated as much as possible. The more concentrated, the better; and, however large the committee may be, the responsibility of taking care of each department, and seeing that its claims are duly attended to, ought to rest on a single individual. Some churches may prefer a single committee for the whole business; and, if all the people are ready to do their duty without much solicitation, this plan will suffice.

3. *Let a fixed portion of the year be assigned to each department.* Should any changes be found, from time to time, desirable to meet the exigencies, or temporary convenience of any of our benevolent societies, such changes can be made by an exchange of allotted time with some other society, or department, and thus special emergencies be accommodated without deranging the general system. All efforts for any object of benevolence should ordinarily be confined to its allotted portion of the year, and no other claim be permitted, without the consent of its guardian committee, to be brought

forward during that time. If a person is prepared at the commencement of the year to say how much he will give to *all* objects, let him do so; but it would be well, even in such cases, to fix the time for payment to each object.

These general principles, which must be left to be modified within certain limits by every church, we will endeavor to render more fully and exactly intelligible, by embodying them in the outlines of a Constitution for such a society, as we would recommend.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called the Benevolent Society of ———, designed to aid all those objects of Christian charity which its members may, from time to time, deem worthy of their patronage.

2. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a General Committee, with Special Committees for as many departments of benevolence, as the Society may choose, to make from year to year.

3. The General Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and it shall be the duty of this Committee to dispose of unappropriated moneys, to direct applications for objects not entrusted to any special committee, and devise such means as they may deem expedient for promoting the general objects of the Society.

4. The Treasurer shall receive and transmit all monies collected, and report at each annual meeting all that has been contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

5. The Secretary shall record the doings of the Society, and make an annual report of whatever is done by its various branches.

6. All efforts for each department of benevolence shall ordinarily be made during the time allotted to it; and no exchange of time shall be allowed without the consent of the Special Committees concerned, or by direction of the General Committee.

Miscellaneous Suggestions.

The number of objects to be selected for patronage in this way, must be left to be determined by each Association. On this point practice is various. In some places, where a system of charity has been adopted somewhat analogous to the one here sketched, they make out a list of benevolent objects to the number of ten or twelve, and assign one to each month; but in other places they select from four to six leading objects, and leave the rest to be brought forward on vacant months, or whenever circumstances may require. The former course *may* be the best for a large city; but the latter we should deem preferable for a whole State. Which course soever is adopted, there ought to be as much uniformity as possible in the time allotted to each *leading* object of charity, for the purpose of facilitating the annual appeals of our benevolent societies by their agents, or otherwise.

Such a system as this, must depend for success on a corresponding system adopted by every Christian. The friends of benevolence must form, each for himself, a system for raising the means of regular contribution, at stated *times*, to the various objects of charity; and we cannot too earnestly recommend, that *every* Christian contribute to each object in some definite and settled proportion to his prosperity during the time allotted to that object.—Thus there would be a virtual, if not literal compliance with Paul's direction to lay up every week, "according as God hath prospered us."

This point, however, we do not regard as coming within the specific design of our appointment, and must, therefore, refer it to pastors and private Christians. Every minister should enforce it, and every Christian form some system for himself. A right heart is, indeed, the most important thing; but *some* system we must have, or we shall probably do very little in comparison with what we might.

Some of the reasons for such a system.

1. It would *insure to every object of charity, its due share of attention.* Not so now. It is very much a question of chance, whether the claims of a par-

ticular object is brought, every year, before its friends. If no object comes along to arrest their attention and excite their interest, some of the most important objects *may* be overlooked for a year or two, and a large portion of their charities, either be lost, or devoted to societies of far less importance.

2. This system would, also, *give to every man the opportunity of selecting the objects of his charity.* If we plead the cause of foreign missions alone, he must either give to this object, or give nothing at the time; but, if we bring before him the whole circle of benevolent objects, we can urge him to take his choice; and thus we may secure his co-operation in *some* part of the great and harmonious system of benevolence.

3. *Some might in this way be led to give, that would not under the present system.* Many now escape the unwelcome duty of giving to any object. They are prejudiced against the cause we happen to be pleading, but profess themselves very willing to aid certain other objects. These professions, sometimes sincere, are oftener the subterfuges of a spirit unwilling to give at all; but if we could at the same time, urge upon them the claims of their favorite objects, we might catch them in their own net, and thus lead them to contribute something.

4. Such a system would *concentrate responsibility in the right place.* It would bring within the reach of the President's hand, the whole circle of benevolent objects; and, if he were the *right man*, he could, like the main spring of a watch, put and keep all the wheels in motion. The same service one individual might perform for each of the departments; and thus would the most enterprising friends of benevolence in every congregation, be furnished with the best facilities for doing good on a large scale. The different objects of benevolence would no longer be left to depend on interest casually excited, but be entrusted to competent, devoted and responsible agents.

5. It would *equalize and diminish the labor of raising funds for charitable purposes.* Now, it often devolves entirely on one or two members of a church; but this system would, in almost any congregation, call forth a larger number of coadjutors, and train them to habits of efficient co operation. By fixing the time for contribution to each object, and leading some to subscribe at once for them all, the trouble both of procuring and collecting subscriptions would be greatly diminished.

6. It would, also, *save no small amount of expense to benevolent societies.* It would prepare the way for an agent to accomplish much in a little time. It would facilitate his efforts in a variety of ways, and tend eventually to supersede the necessity of those collecting agencies which absorb so large an amount of money, time, and talents.

7. The plan before us would, likewise, *prevent both collision and neglect of different objects.* We all know that such things often occur under the present system, or want of system, and can easily see how the course here proposed would prevent their recurrence.

8. It is hardly necessary to remark, that *a larger amount of funds would probably be obtained* for the general cause of benevolence. Nearly every consideration already mentioned, might be repeated to show the justness of this expectation.

9. Such a system would, likewise, *obviate most of the evils incident to the plan of raising funds by special agents.* We ought to sympathise with these self-denying, and often noble-hearted laborers in the cause of benevolence: but not a few ministers and Churches have objections somewhat strong against their begging for money on the Sabbath, and against many other things inseparable from the present system. The fault lies not with the agents, or the Societies that employ them, but with ourselves for not raising of our own accord all that is necessary to sustain the operations of benevolence. Let us do it all ourselves, and we may do it in our own way.

10. But we would recommend such a system mainly on account of *its probable influence on Christians themselves.* Might it not eventually bring them all into this blessed work? Would it not accustom them to take an interest in the *whole circle* of benevolent objects, and to co-operate in advan-

cing them all? Would it not thus tend to enlarge their views, to liberalise their feelings, and elevate their desires and efforts? Would it not diffuse a better spirit among the followers of Christ, and ultimately bring them up to the high standard of primitive piety and benevolence?

Sure we are, that the churches *ought, of their own accord*, to raise the funds necessary to sustain all the operations of benevolence. This obligation should be rivetted on their consciences. They must do this before the Millennium can come; and we think the plan here proposed would tend to hasten a consummation so indispensable to the world's conversion.

We commend these suggestions to the prayerful consideration of our brethren. It will be the work of years to perfect a system for the State, and get it into full and successful operation. We feel no parental partiality for this plan, and do not calculate on its proving at once acceptable to all. It will doubtless require modification; it may be necessary to exchange it for some other; but a system of some kind we deem so indispensable, that we hope the churches will not let the subject rest till one is matured, in which, if possible, all will cordially unite.

Should the General Conference approve the principles of the foregoing plan, we would recommend the appointment of a Committee of one or more from each of the County Conferences, to fix the portion of time during the year for each object of benevolence, and report whatever modification of the general plan they may think expedient, with the hope of harmonizing, as far as possible, the benevolent operations of the State.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Tyler, Chairman,

Geo. C. Beckwith,
William Cutter.

This report, having been read, was referred to Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Chapman, Blood, Douglass, Beckwith, Shepard, Pond, Peet, and Crossett. This committe subsequently reported the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1. That the Report be printed in the Christian Mirror.
2. That the Report be referred to a committee of one from each County Conference, who shall consult with the several Conferences and with one another on the general subject, and report to the next General Conference.
3. That the subject be recommended to the consideration of the churches in the mean time.

The Conference appointed as their committee under the second of these resolutions the brethren, by whom these resolutions were reported.

The time having arrived for the meeting of Maine Missionary Society, the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The adjourned meeting in the afternoon was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Wright. After some remarks by Rev. Mr. Lane, Agent of the American Bible Society for New Hampshire and Maine, the Conference adopted the two following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Bible Cause has not received that attention and patronage from the churches connected with this Conference, which its importance demands.

Resolved, That the ministers connected with this Conference be earnestly requested to bring the subject before their people, and adopt efficient measures to aid the American Bible Society in promoting a more extensive circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

Thursday, June 26. Met according to adjou
offered by the Rev. Mr. Putnam.

The following resolution offered by Rev. Mr. F

Voted, That the delegates from this body to the C
Massachusetts, the General Association of Connectic
Consociation of Rhode Island, consult with these bod
of their annual meeting, and our own, so that the d
Ecclesiastical bodies and Religious Benevolent Soci
tend all these Annual Meetings.

Resolved, That this Conference approve of the pr
Tract Society of Boston, to raise in this State this ye
aid them in their operations.

The resolution having passed, a committee wa
Rev. Messrs. Tappan, Peet, Mitchell, Hurd, G. E.
Clark and Jackson, to apportion this sum amon
Conferences. The apportionments recommended
voted by the Conference, are as follows: To C
$540; York $320; Lincoln $250; Oxford $2
Kennebec $200; Somerset $100; Hancock a
Washington $50.

The committee, to whom the resolution of Gene
referred, made the following report, and it was ac

Whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyteri
Sessions in May 1834, adopted the following resoluti

"*Resolved*, That the several bodies with which w
pondence in the New England states, be respectfull
counsel and influence to prevent the ordination, by
Consociations, of men who propose to pursue the wo
the bounds of any Presbytery belonging to the Ge
The Presbyterian Church; and that the Delegates from

2. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with our brethren in those islands, and in Great Britain, in view of the distresses which these events have brought upon them, and especially in view of the hindrance which they have occasioned to the progress of the gospel, and to the promotion of civilization and Christianity.

3. *Resolved*, That, as ardent spirit is a *poison*, the drinking of which is highly injurious to the bodies and minds of men; as it tends to prevent their intellectual elevation, their social improvement, and their eternal salvation, the traffic in it, to be used as a drink, and especially the exporting and furnishing of it to the unevangelized and partially civilized nations and tribes of men, is, in our view, a gross violation of the revealed will of God,—an *immorality*, which ought to be reprobated, and abandoned throughout the world.

4. *Resolved*, That we will cheerfully co-operate with the friends of humanity, by the diffusion of information, the exertion of kind moral influence, and in all suitable ways, to cause a practice so manifestly immoral, so disgraceful to our country, and destructive to our fellow-men, universally to cease.

5. *Resolved*, That it be, and it hereby is, respectfully and earnestly suggested to the consideration of all pastors and churches, whether the continuance of this traffic, by members of the church, is not manifestly a violation of the laws of Christ; whether it does not tend to prevent the success of the gospel, and especially among the heathen; and whether suitable and *effectual* measures ought not to be taken to remove an evil so offensive to God, and so hurtful to men, from the Christian church.

6. *Resolved*, That it be, and it hereby is, respectfully and earnestly suggested to the consideration of all legislators, whether the perpetuating of this traffic, by licensing men to pursue it, is not a violation of the great principles of morality, as well as of political economy; and whether, if the continuance of legislation on this subject is required by the public good, it ought not to be, not on the ground of licensing the sin, but only of defending the community from its evils.

Then followed remarks from Rev. T. Adams, Agent for the State Temperance Society, Theodore S. Brown, Esq. and Rev. Mr. Clark in support of the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the present crisis in the Temperance cause demands the energetic and persevering action of every follower of Christ, and especially of every watchman on the walls of Zion.

Report on the state of religion within the bounds of this Conference was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Charles Freeman. This report was accepted and ordered to be printed in connection with the minutes of this meeting.

Some account was given of the state of religion in Vermont, by Rev. Mr. Blodgett,—and in the churches connected with the General Assembly, by Dr. Neill.

Remarks on the subject of Foreign Missions were made by Rev. Messrs. Bardwell, and Cogswell, Secretary of the American Education Society, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That while the Providence of God presents great encouragement in the work of Foreign Missions, the churches should be guarded against the delusion, that the work is nearly accomplished.

The following resolutions were offered by Dr. Cogswell and passed.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to all the ministers in their

connection, to preach a sermon to their several congregations within three months from this time, on behalf of the objects of the American Education Society, having specially in view the duty of pious young men to consecrate themselves to the ministry of Christ.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to all families, that observe morning and evening worship, to remember particularly in their family devotions, on Tuesday weekly, the ministers of the Gospel, and all who are preparing to become such, and likewise societies for the education of pious young men for the ministry.

Remarks were made by the Rev. Mr. Wright concerning the utility of Sabbath Schools to families, to our country, and to the world; and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That little children under 10 years of age constitute the most important portion of community, as subjects of religious influence.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the ministers of this Conference to adapt more of their instruction from the pulpit to the capacities of little children, and to address it directly to them.

An address was made to the assembly on the concerns of their own souls by the moderator, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Allen, Pres. of Bowdoin College.

The following resolutions on the subject of Moral Reform were presented by the Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, and after a few remarks from some other individuals were adopted.

Resolved 1. That in the view of facts, recently disclosed, in regard to the prevalence of licentiousness in our country, we deem it incumbent on the ministers of the gospel to preach on the subject of the Seventh Commandment.

Resolved 2. That we regard the cause of Moral Reform, in its bearing on both the temporal and the spiritual interests of mankind, as deserving from all the friends of religion and virtue a judicious, active, and efficient support.

The following report was read and accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the correspondence of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, with instructions to consider the subject of our relations with that Body, report the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That this Conference receive, with deep interest, the proposition of the London Congregational Union for an interchange of Delegates, and cordially reciprocate the sentiments of Christian fellowship in which it originated.

Resolved, That we have heard with no ordinary satisfaction of the arrival in this country of the Rev. Messrs Reed and Matheson, and of the interest which their presence has given to the religious meetings of our brethren in other States; and we sincerely regret that we cannot enjoy the benefits of their fellowship in our present meeting.

Resolved, That this Conference will unite with other corresponding Ecclesiastical bodies in New England, in sending one Delegate annually, to be their common representative to the Congregational Union of England and Wales—to be appointed in rotation by each body respectively, which shall concur in this arrangement.

Resolved, That the Moderator and Secretaries of this Conference be a committee to correspond with the Congregational Associations of New England, in reference to the same subject, and to effect, in concurrence with them, such arrangements as may be necessary to accomplish the object.

Resolved, That our Corresponding Secretary communicate the sentiments of this Conference to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and forward copies of our printed Minutes.

The following resolution was offered by Wm. Ladd, Esq. and adopted.

Whereas the practice of War, among nations professing the Christian faith, has, in an awful and singular manner, been detrimental to the cause of Christian missions in the Society Islands and other missionary stations in heathen lands, no less than the vice of Intemperance:

Resolved, That this Conference lament the continuance of the unchristian practice of War among Christian nations, and the apathy of Christians generally on this important subject.

Voted, upon motion of Rev. Mr. Cummings, so to amend the 15th article of the Constitution of the Conference, that it shall read thus: "The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, shall be paid over, after deducting incidental expenses, to the Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Society.

Voted, that the Secretaries, with the Rev. Mr. Cummings, be a committee to procure the printing of the Minutes.—Adjourned until 2 P. M.

The public exercises of the afternoon were commenced with prayer by Rev. Mr. Labaree, President of Jackson College in West Tennessee. Then followed a sermon by Rev. C. Hobart, from 2 Cor. X. 4.—after which a contribution was taken up.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to upwards of 800 communicants, by Rev. Dr. Neill, and Rev. Mr. Bardwell.

After the close of public services, the following resolution was offered by Rev. G. E. Adams, and adopted.

Resolved, That it is desirable that a greater proportion of the exercises at the meetings of this Conference should be of a devotional character; and that this subject be commended to the special attention of those who may be called to serve on the Committee of Arrangements.

And the meeting of Conference was dissolved.

Next meeting to be in Hammond-Street church, Bangor, on Tuesday next preceding the 4th Wednesday of June, 1835.

B. TAPPAN, *Rec. Secretary.*

REPORT

On the State of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

After a rich harvest had been gathered into our churches, the fruits of the memorable revival of 1831, the work of conversion declined, and few additions were made to our communion. But still the cause of God has advanced; and of late months many churches have enjoyed a fresh effusion of the Holy Spirit's influences.

Washington Conference has enjoyed some refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The extensive observance of the first day in January, and of the last Thursday in February, was blessed. To the church in Eastport 19 have been added, and to that in Dennysville 22. In Eastport the revival was peculiarly interesting among children; and a considerable number, from nine to fourteen years of age, give evidence of having become the true disciples of Christ. They belong to the Sabbath school. By the united efforts of Christians here, a Bethel has been opened, and religious services commenced for seamen, with encouraging prospects.

Lubec, after a long destitution, has procured a minister for the current year. East Machias has been refreshed and strengthened. Machias speaks of an improved state of religion. In Machiasport, a number during the spring have experienced, as is hoped, a saving change. The little church in Cooper, though feeble and destitute is preparing to build a house for God. Dennysville has been visited of God, and 52 souls are thought to have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. A large proportion of the subjects of the work are members of the Sabbath school, and a large majority of them are males.

Calais is now destitute, but is anxious to have a pastor, and is ready to pledge his support. Perry too needs and desires a pastor. To Robbinston several young persons, hopefully converted abroad, have returned to tell what God has done for their souls.

While much is yet to be done in Washington County, our sister churches, there, have reason to thank God and take courage.

The Hancock and Waldo Conference consists of fifteen churches scattered over a large extent of country about the mouth of the Penobscot river, on both sides of it, including some of the adjacent islands. "We must still, they say, pain your hearts with sorrowful tidings; for feeble, dispirited churches, and extensive desolations, where no preacher of righteousness and peace lifts up his voice, are still common among us."

Swanville, after a period of affliction has become united, but is believed not to have had preaching of our denomination more than two or three times during the year. A gentleman of Boston offers 200 dollars a year for the support of constant preaching there; and with this, and missionary aid, the people will support a preacher. But the man has not yet been found. The church have looked for some one, till their eyes and their hearts begin to fail.

Frankfort church, in a large and flourishing town, embraces only 15 members, who are so scattered and discouraged that they seldom meet together; yet a few of them have sustained a flourishing Sabbath school.

The pastor of the church in Jackson and Brooks, is gone for want of support. To Ellsworth only one member has been added for five years. In Bucksport and Bluehill, religion has languished; but the Sedgewick church in Brooksville has had some reviving; and as to fruits, nine have been received to the church.

In Prospect God has appeared for his people. A commodious house of worship has been erected in their flourishing village; and a protracted meeting in connection with its dedication was apparently blessed of God. As many as forty obtained a hope of having passed from death to life.

The first church in Belfast, in February, after much deliberation and prayer, called a protracted meeting, on which the divine blessing appeared to descend; and then, or soon after, about twenty persons were apparently brought to cast their souls on the mercy of God in Christ.

Mount Desert has been refreshed, and twenty six added by profession. On Deer Isle, within a few weeks, the Lord has seemed to pour out his Spirit, and several indulge a hope, and others are anxious.

The Trinity Church in Castine, was blessed by the meeting of Hancock and Waldo Conference there, in October last, and seven or eight were hopefully born again. But spiritual winter soon followed. A protracted meeting in March, however, resulted in the hopeful conversion of 25.

On the whole, the churches of this Conference have been strengthened, and probably will be further enlarged from the fruits of recent revivals. They have hope, strong hope. They ask for our prayers, and aid, and especially for faithful ministers of Jesus Christ.

Penobscot Conference. Since the commencement of the present year, there has been much to cheer the Christian's heart. Some interesting revivals have taken place. Bangor, Hampden, and Brewer, have been blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Orrington, also, has been some attention. Protracted meetings have resulted in good. The churches in Bangor, and the First church in Brewer, observed the first Monday in January, as a day of fasting and prayer, and then the cause

of religion received a new impulse. Burlington has had some revival, and 10 or 12 have indulged a hope. Lincoln, Blanchard, Milo, Exeter, Dixmont, are small, and destitute, and low. In Brewer, 2d. church, discord exists, and religion languishes. Hammond-Street church, Bangor, was organized in December last, and has commenced its existence under favorable circumstances, and, it is hoped, will greatly promote the cause of Christ. The sum, in this Conference, raised the past year for benevolent purposes, is more than double what was raised the year previous.

Lincoln Conference. Camden has dismissed its pastor. A new house of worship is being erected. Four young men, members of the church, are studying with a view to the ministry. Thomaston has recently enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Six months ago, the church was in a low and divided state. By the blessing of God on the labors of an ecclesiastical Council, and on the subsequent efforts of the church, difficulties were healed. At a meeting of the church to act on the result of the Council, for a season all things appeared dark, and some hours were spent in prayer and other efforts to promote harmony, without any manifest good effect. But, in a few moments, the scene changed, so that, instead of mutual upbraidings, nothing was heard except mutual confessions, and supplications to God for his pardoning mercy. Every heart seemed touched with a special divine influence, producing at once, humility, contrition, and love. A protracted meeting soon after, begun with the Baptist church, and transferred to the Congregational, in which both united, was blessed; and between 40 and 50, it is hoped, have passed from death to life. Warren, second church, has been afflicted by the ill health of its recently settled, and much-loved pastor, Rev. E. F. Cutter. He is now absent for his health. At a recent protracted meeting, the church was quickened; a number of the impenitent were awakened, and a few have a hope. At a protracted meeting in Waldoborough, 40 presented themselves as inquirers, 30 of whom have experienced hope; they were principally youth, and several of them, members of the Sabbath School. Bremen has been revived, and has received eleven members, one half of its present number. Edgecomb has experienced trials. Disaffection having arisen toward the pastor, Rev. Daniel Kendrick, he was dismissed; soon after which, by his ill health, the use of reason was interrupted. The church has however been supplied with preaching, and has been strengthened. New-Castle has received a few members, the fruit of an awakening at the beginning of the last year. In Alna, during a protracted meeting, Christians appeared quickened; a number of the impenitent were more or less impressed, and a few entertained a hope. But, it is remarked, the

work has not since progressed as would have been desired. In Wiscasset were some hopeful appearances during the winter. Six or eight young persons, connected with the Sabbath School, it was thought, became pious. But the cloud of mercy dispersed, without dispensing the anticipated blessing.

In Woolwich a protracted meeting has been held. Believers were quickened, backsliders reclaimed, sinners convicted, and some brought hopefully to embrace the Saviour. Twenty five have indulged hopes.

On the North Church in Bath, it pleased the Lord to pour out his Spirit about the beginning of the year, and to stir up its members to unusual fervency in prayer. In the course of a few weeks, several individuals in the parish were brought to see their lost condition, while out of Christ; and to call upon the Lord for help. A protracted meeting, of 13 days continuance, was held, and before its close, 20 obtained a hope that they had passed from death to life. The revival soon spread in the village; and many in all the evangelical denominations were brought to cry for mercy, and, subsequently, as it is believed, to embrace the Saviour as the only deliverer of their lost souls. As the fruits of this revival, besides a goodly number of converts in the other Christian Denominations, 62 have united with this church, and about 40 more are indulging hope. This work of Divine grace has, through the whole, been solemn, noiseless, and powerful, and the subjects of it are of all conditions in life, and of all ages, from 14 years to 60.

Phipsburg has been in a low state for two years past, till recently. In connexion with a protracted meeting in April, about 30 appeared to be awakened, and about half of these indulged hope in the mercy of God. In Topsham, during a protracted meeting of 16 days continuance, held last winter by the Congregational and Baptist churches, about 60 persons were hopefully brought to submit to Christ. The work was powerful but short. Christians began to let "modes and forms" take the place of weightier matters, and the Spirit was grieved, and departed. The churches in Washington, Union, and Richmond are destitute and low.

At no period have so many revivals of religion blessed this Conference, as within a few months past. To God be all the praise. But these visits of mercy have been short. The inquiry is an important one, Why is this? But there is not space here to answer it. It is cause of deep regret that in the 19 churches of this Conference, there are only seven pastors. Four others have a stated supply. The same occasion for regret is exhibited in other parts of the State; and it is a growing evil, which the friends of Zion should lament before God.

Kennebec. Albion has been called to weep in sackcloth. Its beloved

and revered pastor, Rev. Daniel Lovejoy, has been suddenly removed by death.

Augusta South Church received some quickening last November at a protracted meeting, and several instances then and afterwards occurred of hopeful conversion. Two or three are inquiring; but in general an awful stupidity prevails, and christians are slumbering. Chesterville has received some accession. In Clinton religion has been low, but recently there has been some interest. From Farmington are sad complaints of the abounding of iniquity and the decay of christian love, of the neglect of benevolent efforts, and of consequent backwardness to support the ordinances of the gospel, so that the prospect of the continuance of them is truly discouraging. May the work of the Lord there revive, and his grace be displayed in the deliverance and enlargement of the church, and in its ultimate prosperity and triumph.

Of Hallowell we are told, that God has shed down his Spirit, and quickened and revived his children, and converted numbers of the ungodly. Many are still anxious. The work, though not extensive, has had an auspicious influence upon the interests of Zion. Among those who have bowed to the terms of salvation is the young man, who will probably preach Christ and him crucified, and the man of business, property and influence, who has much to consecrate to the service of the Lord. In other churches in this Conference no important changes of an encouraging nature have occurred. The year has indeed been a trying one to the churches. The hands of the pastors have been weakened by the diminution of their number. While one, Albion, has been bereaved by death; four others have seen their pastors removed, Augusta North Church, Sidney, Vassalborough, and Weld; and no pastor has been settled.

Somerset Conference. Most of the churches have experienced no spiritual showers within the year. There is one exception however to the praise of divine grace. To the church in Strong, God has granted the Holy Spirit, and made the gospel effectual to the conversion of many souls. A protracted meeting, in connection with the dedication of their meeting house, proved the commencement of a protracted and powerful revival, which extended into all parts of the town, and was shared by all evangelical denominations. Not far from 150 are the hopeful subjects of the work. Thirty have united with the Congregational church, seven stand propounded, and others still are expected to offer themselves for admission soon. Among those admitted or propounded, are ten heads of families, who have erected the family altar. Twenty young men are among the subjects; some of whom are about commencing a prepara-

tion for the ministry. The influences of the Spirit there is reason to hope are not yet withdrawn.

Mercer has received some tokens of divine favor. A protracted meeting, last autumn, was blessed to the quickening of the church and the hopeful conversion of a number of young persons. Two other churches have, by protracted meetings, been blessed and improved in their spiritual state, though they have witnessed but few conversions.

The churches which compose the Somerset Association, several of which are in Kennebec County, have resolved to send two of their ministers to labor as missionaries in Lower Canada for three months, the present season, and have consented to relinquish the services of their own pastors to supply in a measure the place of those who go, during their absence.

Oxford Conference. Its report says, the last year has been a time of trial and moral discipline in the church, to test the sincerity and gracious state of hundreds, recently added to the churches. The Conference however has not been left without tokens of God's gracious presence. Some of the churches have been visited, as we trust, with special divine influences. The church in Waterford has enjoyed, during the year, a season of refreshing. Fourteen have been added to their number by profession. In Otisfield a revival has been in progress for several months past. The number of hopeful converts is not reported. Twenty eight have been added to the church, and others are expected to be received shortly.

Cumberland Conference. Brunswick has been favored in a distinguished manner.

In a communication the Pastor says:

"It has pleased the Lord to visit us graciously. Since the commencement of the present year, we have been favored with a very interesting revival, which has greatly changed our state and prospects. How many will be gathered into the church, as fruits of this revival, will be more fully known at the time of our next report."

The influences of the Holy Spirit have descended upon the Literary Institution, and numbers are *hopefully* converted. Some particulars in relation to the revival will now be communicated.

The revival, with which the college has been recently blessed, and which has so much gladdened the churches through the State, presents some features of peculiar interest, besides the direct bearing which the conversion of from twenty to thirty young men, thus situated, must have upon Zion's welfare.

The work evidently owed its origin not so much to the efforts of pious students in college, as to the prayers and unusual interest of the churches

—especially the church in the village—in behalf of the institution. Though some of the students, at the commencement of the term, felt the spirit of prayer and earnest supplication returning to their hearts, yet a great majority of those professedly pious were ill prepared for the coming of their Lord. But when they began to hear, from various sources, of the deep interest which *others* were feeling for them, and of the many prayers which were daily going up to God in their behalf, they felt that it was "high time to awake out of sleep," knowing that salvation was drawing nigh. It hardly need be mentioned, that the annual concert of prayer for Colleges, and the protracted meeting held sometime after, were means most abundantly blessed, in bringing back to duty the wandering Christian, and in impressing serious reflection upon the unawakened mind. Indeed the revival seemed to receive its peculiar character from the "preaching of the word" in this meeting. This was clear and direct. It sought to reach the feelings through the reason and the understanding only, and to persuade men by the simple power of truth. Hence there was no excitement, no enthusiasm of emotion, but a solemn feeling that the interests of eternity were depending upon present time. The inquiry of the awakened sinner was, What shall *I do*,—not how much *must I feel*—to be saved? And the answer was sought by an earnest and prayerful study of the Bible, often with a deep sense of dependence upon divine teaching. The Holy Spirit seemed to honor, in a remarkable manner, the services of the sanctuary, and faithful personal conversation; yet in *such a manner*, as to impress all with the conviction that the work was of God, and not of man. "Iniquity stopped her mouth" and "despisers beheld and wondered." There seem to be, at present, good grounds to expect of those, who, under such circumstances, have devoted themselves to their Saviour. an early manhood and strength of piety which promises much for the future state of religion in college —and for future usefulness in public life. Three or four of the subjects of this revival will soon commence Theological studies; and probably as many as twenty will ultimately enter the ministry.

The meetings of this conference at Gorham, in January last, and the protracted meeting which followed, were evidently blessed of God. The pastor of this church says: The Holy Spirit has been with us through the winter, and we hope he has not left us yet. A part of the church have been unusually engaged, and a deep and anxious solemnity has pervaded the whole congregation. More means of grace, and more constant and fixed attention for the given time, was never known in this place. Some of the church have never risen to higher spiritual joy. A number of sinners have a new song in their mouths, and others are still serious. Some of the fruits of the revival are pre-

paring for the ministry with no ordinary promise. God has done great things for us.

In the 2d church, North Yarmouth for a few months past, meetings have been uncommonly well attended and their number has been increased. More interest in religious subjects has been manifested, and 4 stand propounded to the church.

The Pastor of the Saccarappa church, (Westbrook,) says, a number of conversions have taken place in connection with the Sabbath School, and the persons have become members of the church of Christ. Others have been benefited indirectly. We trust that a great company will one day stand up for God, and tell the wonders of redeeming grace and dying love. One had her attention called to the subject of religion by reading a Sabbath School book. Another says, the conversation of her teacher led her to think upon her ways. The Sabbath School is large and flourishing. 425 are connected with the Temperance Society. A Bible Society was formed some months since with encouraging prospects. 24 have been added to this church since January 1833. Preparations are making for the immediate erection of a meeting-house.

Of the 34 churches in the Conference, in 23, we are informed, is nothing particularly cheering to those who wish for the conversion of sinners. A larger number have had only a few cases of hope. In view of such facts there may be lamentation; the Lord's ministers may weep and his people, saying, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach."

York Conference. In Alfred 10 or 12 have recently obtained a hope in Christ. In Biddeford, first church a protracted meeting was a refreshing season to some extent in the church. A few hopeful conversions took place. Kennebunk has received some blessing. Kennebunk-port has been richly favored, and for several months unusual attention has been paid to religious meetings. Several have been hopefully converted in Limerick.

In one neighborhood in Saco a number of hopeful conversions have taken place, and at least five heads of families have established the worship of God in their houses. In another part of the town, a day's meeting was instrumental of good, and several there indulge the hope that they have passed from death to life.

South Berwick reports about 40 hopeful conversions from the age of 11 years to 60 and 70, principally however among the young. An encouraging interest continued in the Sabbath School and in the Female Seminary. Ten or 12 family altars have been erected, and 6 or 8 of the church appear like new converts, resolved on going forward in the path of duty, where the word or providence of God may lead. Several

of the church, who thought a few months since that they had no gift for prayer in public, now find that they can lead in social devotions. Behold what God hath wrought! To him be all the glory.

In Wells a protracted meeting, following a visitation of the church, was full from first to last, and the interest solemnity and power of the meeting increased to the close. Friday and Saturday after the close of public services in the afternoon, meetings for enquirers were appointed, and attended by from 50 to 60 persons of all ages, but principally of the young. A goodly number now give evidence of having submitted to God, and among them are some important members of the parish.

On Wells second church a blessing has come down through a protracted meeting, held since the County conference met; but its results are not known.

Connected with the General Conference of Maine are nine county conferences, embracing the ten counties of the State. Connected with these Conferences are 180 churches, furnished with 110 pastors or stated supplies. In addition to which there are more than 30 ministers in the State, who occasionally or constantly preach the gospel, and some of whom are engaged in labors of great importance to the cause of Christ.

The additions to all the churches have been by profession 660, and by letter 231; while the removals have been, by death 230; by dismission 371, and by excommunication 38. The whole number of members reported is 13,019; last year 12,370 were reported. About 1100 have hopefully experienced religion within our bounds during the year, and chiefly within a few months, a small proportion of whom have as yet joined the church.

The intelligence from the State is remarkably unanimous, that the Temperance Cause has recently received a new impulse, and prospers. The spirit of benevolence too has prevailed more than ever.

We lament the frequency of removals among the ministry, and the growing number of preachers who are stated supplies, instead of being ordained or installed Pastors. We lament the brief duration of revivals, which have begun and have seemed, in some cases, almost to close with protracted meetings. We lament also, that in most of the churches religion is low. But, as is suggested by some of the Conferences, we are profiting by our experience. "A purifying process has evidently been commenced in many of the churches. They seem to be setting the house of God in order." "Excitement has passed away, and we begin to see who is on the Lord's side. Specious conversions have developed themselves, and some have made it manifest that they were not of us. The churches have grown in the knowledge and love of the fundamental doctrines of the gospel, and have become better establish-

ed in the faith, and are prepared for a clear and more explicit exhibition of gospel truth, which will result, we trust, in revivals of religion hereafter, more pure and permanent in their effects."

STATISTICAL TABLES.

[Note.—In these Tables s. s. signifies Stated Supply.]

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.	Sab. Scs.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex			
Baldwin & Sebago	Noah Emerson			3			20		50
Bridgton	Caleb F. Page			1			51		80
" South	Jos. P. Fessenden	1	1		1		30	1	59
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams	6	3	1	7		108		100
Cape Elizabeth	Josiah G. Merrill	7	1	2	1	2	42	17	150
Cumberland	Isaac Weston	1	7	3	10		190	22	250
Danville							8		17
Durham		8					42	3	70
Falmouth 1st	Wm. Miltimore, s.s.			2	3		117	17	100
" 2d.	Joseph B. Stevens		3				49		133
Freeport	Cephas H. Kent	5	4	2	3		154	8	200
Gorham	Thaddeus Pomeroy	2	4	7	3		224	12	246
Gray	Calvin White	4	3	2	3		64		50
Harrison			1				49		165
Harpswell	Wm. Harlow			1			28		106
Hebron & W Minot	James Gooch	1		2	5		66	5	85
Lewiston	Weston B. Adams	2	10	1	3		25	1	40
Minot Un. Cong.	Elijah Jones		2	4	11		221		300
N. Gloucester	Benj. Rice		3	5	2	1	126	15	180
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley	3	6	11	9	3	261	2	240
" 2d	Caleb Hobart	1	3	3	2		120	21	150
Poland	C. R. Fisk		1	1	5				
Portland 2d		5	12	6	43	2	472	25	180
" 3d	Wm. T. Dwight	6	10	2	13		251		165
" High St.	Geo. C. Beckwith	3	27	6			108	5	194
Pownal	Perez Chapin		1	2	3	1	125	4	200
Raymond				1	3		15	2	
Scarborough	Thomas Jameson		1	1	2		106	9	85
Standish	Thomas Tenney						16		
Westbrook 1st				2	2		105		175
" 2d	Joseph Searle	17	7			1	66	3	100
Windham	J. L. Hale	1					47	1	90
32	26	73	110	71	134	10	3312	173	3960

Ministers without pastoral charge.

William Allen, D. D. Brunswick, Pres. Bowdoin College.
Caleb Bradley, Westbrook.
Amasa Smith, Cumberland.
Reuben Nason, Gorham.
James Carruthers, Portland.
Noah Cressey, "
Asa Cummings, " Editor of Christian Mirror.
Joseph Lane, " Agent of American Bible Society.
Sewall Tenney, " Seamen's Preacher,
Solomon Adams, " Principal of Female Seminary.

OXFORD.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Albany		5		1			66	
Andover	W. C. Greenleaf	1		1			44	
Bethel	Charles Frost	3		1			110	
Bridgton North	Charles Soule	3	5				21	
Brownfield		2					40	
Denmark							37	
Dixfield	Daniel Libbey						20	
Fryeburg	Carleton Hurd	8		4	2		244	
Gilead							50	
Hiram							26	
Lovell	David Gerry	3	4				94	
Norway	H. A. Merrill	1	2				88	
Otisfield	James P. Richardson	28		1	1		105	5
Oxford							11	
Paris South	Joseph Walker	1		3	5	1	129	
" North							12	
Rumford	N. W. Sheldon & Daniel Gould	1					95	
Sweden					2	1	41	
Sumner	Samuel Sewall	2		3			93	
Turner	Allen Greely			1	1		74	
Waterford	J. A. Douglas	14	2	3	3		195	
21	13	72	13	18	14	2	1595	5

Ministers without pastoral charge.

Lincoln Ripley, Waterford.
Valentine Little, Lovell.

SOMERSET.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Anson					2		14	2
Bingham						3	40	
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway	3	3		1		101	19
Cornville			1				12	3
Fairfield	Isaac E. Wilkins						29	
Industry	Alden Boynton	1		1	3		44	1
Kingfield		4					16	3
Madison	Josiah Tucker	1		1			21	3
Mercer	Oren Sikes	9	1				61	6
New Vineyard	David Turner						16	
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet				2	1	93	1
Phillips		2					33	6
Solon, South	G. W. Fargo	2		1			70	
St. Albans	Nathan Douglas		1				22	3
Strong	Wm. May	30	2	3	1		87	22
15	10	52	8	6	9	4	659	69

Ministers without pastoral charge.

Samuel B. Witherel, Norridgewock.

PENOBSCOT.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Bangor	Swan L. Pomroy		8	8	73		190	14
" Hammond St.							70	
Brewer 1st	Wales Lewis			3			58	3
" 2d		1		3			82	3
Brownville	H. Richardson						60	
Burlington	J. R. Munsell			1			23	2
Dixmont				1			9	
Exeter		1					18	
Foxcroft	Tho's Williams		3	2	5	2	97	5
Garland			1		2		25	2
Hampden		7	1	1			40	5
Lincoln							11	
Milo				1			14	
Monson	A. Hubbard		2		7		63	7
Orono	Josiah Fisher		2				31	
Sangerville	H. Sewall, s. s.	5	3		2		37	5
Williamsburg	J. Underwood	7	1	1			16	
17	9	21	21	21	89	2	844	46

Ministers without pastoral charge.

Enoch Pond, Bangor, Prof. in Theological Seminary.
Alvan Bond, " " " "
Cyril Pearl "
John Sawyer, Garland.

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Churches.	Pastors.	Addn's		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Aurora	Sylvester Clapp						18	
Belfast 1st	Silas McKeen	9	6	1	7		91	7
Bluehill	Jonathan Fisher	1			2		73	2
Brooksville	Manning Ellis							
Sedgwick	Manning Ellis	9				1	26	2
Bucksport	Mighill Blood		2	1	2		94	
Castine Trin. Ch.	Wooster Parker	15	4	3	3		55	10
Deer Isle	Jona. Adams, s. s.	14	2	1	1	1	80	27
Ellsworth	Peter Nourse	1			2		35	
Frankfort							15	
Jackson & Brooks							40	
Mount Desert	Ebenezer Eaton	26		2	2	2	164	14
Prospect	Stephen Thurston	1	2		2	1	138	17
Sullivan								
Swanville							17	
15	11	76	16	8	21	5	846	79

LINCOLN.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Alna	Enos Merrill, s. s.	2	2	2	4	1	59	7
Bath, North	J. W. Ellingwood	62	5	2	4		246	37
" South							78	
Boothbay	Nath'l Chapman, s. s.			3	1	2	103	
Bremen		11		1			22	
Bristol				1	2		46	
Camden					2		69	1
Edgecomb		3	1	1			125	3
New Castle	Jotham Sewall, jr.	11	1	2	2		79	25
Phipsburg	John Boynton	11		1	2		192	
Thomaston	Richard Woodhull	12			1		118	14
Topsham	J. T. Hawes, s. s.	19	3	2	2		80	16
Union				1			36	
Waldoborough	D. M. Mitchell	4			1		121	11
Warren 2d	Edward F. Cutter	1	2	1	2		70	6
Washington		3					35	8
Wiscasset	Seneca White	21	2	4	7		120	14
Woolwich	J. C. Goss, s. s.			1		1	53	5
18	11	160	16	22	30	4	1652	147

Ministers without pastoral charge.

Freeman Parker, Wiscasset.

KENNEBEC.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Albion				1			44	
Augusta North Parish			1	2			56	
" South "	Benj. Tappan	13	8	8	12		185	23
Chesterville	Jotham Sewall	7	1	2			63	
Clinton	Nelson Bishop	2	1				29	3
Farmington	Isaac Rogers		2				80	2
Hallowell	Geo. Shepard	8	2	1	3	1	187	15
Litchfield	David Starret	7	6	2	1		83	
New Sharon	J. A. Vinton	3			2		59	8
Pittston				1	1		51	
Sidney		1					15	
Temple	Simeon Hackett			2			80	
Unity							8	
Vassalborough		1		2	1	1	95	
Waterville							15	
Weld							88	
Wilton	Samuel Talbot	3	1	2	1		20	
Winslow					1		46	2
Windsor							23	
Winthrop	David Thurston	2		3	5	2	171	
20	10	47	22	26	27	4	1398	53

Ministers without pastoral charge.

E. Gillet, D. D. Hallowell, Sec. and Gen. Agent of Maine Miss. Society.
Hermon Stinson, Hallowell.
Jona. Belden, Augusta.
Thos. Adams, Hallowell, Gen. Agent of Maine Temperance Society.

WASHINGTON.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Calais		3	1		2		40	10
Cooper		1					16	1
Dennysville	R. Crossett	22		1	2		95	18
East Machias	T. T. Stone	1	1	1			98	2
Eastport	W. Gale	19	4	2	7	2	68	17
Lubec	L. Pennell, s. s.	2	2	1			32	
Machias	A. Jackson			3			105	1
Machias Port	G. Bacheller		2	2		1	52	
Perry				1	2		83	
Robbinston	A. Sheldon, s. s.			3		1	30	
10	7	48	10	14	13	4	619	49

Ministers without pastoral charge.

Elijah Kellogg, Eastport.

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Add'ns		Removals			Tot.	Bap.
		Pr.	let.	dh	dis.	ex		
Acton	Martyn Cushman						51	
Alfred	Albert Fisk, s. s.		1	1	5		92	3
Berwick							20	
Biddeford 1st	Stephen Merrill	7	1	2	1	1	117	11
" 2d	Stephen Morse	1	1				77	
Buxton	Levi Loring		2	3			104	4
Elliot		1					105	
Kennebunk	Joseph Fuller							
Kennebunk port	Levi Smith	10	3	1	3		126	4
Kittery							40	
Lebanon	James Weston				5		113	1
Limerick	Charles Freeman	3		6	1		98	
Limington							59	
Lyman	John Gunnison	3	2	4			165	
Newfield	David P. Smith			4	1		45	
Parsonsfield	"	3		3	1		55	
Saco	Samuel Johnson	8		6	16		203	
Sanford	Elisha Bacon	2	1	3		1	73	24
Shapleigh							5	
South Berwick	Seth H. Keeler	9	3	3	1		130	20
Wells 1st	Wm. Clark			9			243	11
2d		1					51	1
York 1st	Eber Carpenter	1	3	3	1	1	104	27
" 2d	Clement Parker, s. s.			1	1		18	
24	17	49	17	49	36	3	2094	106

Ministers without pastoral charge.

Jonathan Calef, Lyman.

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	No. chs.	No. Pas.	Pro.	Let.	dth.	dis.	exc.	Total.	Bap.
Cumberland	32	26	73	110	71	134	10	[illegible]	173
Hancock and Waldo	15	11	76	16	8	21	5	[illegible]	79
Kennebec	20	10	47	22	26	27	4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lincoln	18	11	160	16	22	30	4	[illegible]	147
Oxford	21	13	72	13	18	14	2	1595	5
Penobscot	17	9	21	21	21	89	2	844	46
Somerset	15	10	52	8	6	9	4	659	69
Washington	10	7	48	10	14	13	4	619	49
York	24	17	49	17	49	36	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
9	172	114	598	233	235	373	38	1301	727

Preachers ordained and licensed, who have preached in the State during the year, whose names do not occur in the preceding tables, and who have labored under the patronage of the Maine Missionary Society in the places affixed to their names.

Rev. Andrew H. Reed, Durham, Cumberland Co.
Mr. C. S. Williams, Gilead, Oxford Co.
Mr. D. E. Jewett, Oxford, "
Rev. Wm. Withington, Norway, "
Rev. Nath'l Barker, Lisbon, Lincoln Co.
Mr. David Cushman, Pittston, Kennebec Co.
Mr. John Ballard, Readfield, "
Rev. Isaac E. Wilkins, Chesterville and Fairfield, Kennebec Co.
Mr. Daniel Hunt, Gardiner, "
Mr. Seth Sweetser, " "
Mr. Allen Gannett, Waterville, "
Mr. Samuel S. Drake, Frankfort, Waldo Co.
Mr. Thomas Kidder, " "
Mr. John N. Whipple, Dixmont, Penobscot Co.
Mr. Horatio B. Hackett, Calais, Washington Co.
Mr. Marvin Root, Cooper, "
Mr. Micah W. Strickland, Mt. Desert, Hancock Co.
Rev. George Brown, Mt. Desert and Monticello, Washington Co.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

The Society held its Annual Meeting in Bath, June 24th, and elected all its former officers for the present year. For the next anniversary, Rev. John W. Ellingwood, first preacher, Rev. Caleb Bradley, second preacher.

C. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN BANGOR,

JUNE 23, 1835.

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MINUTES.

The Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Maine in 1835, commenced on the 23d of June, at the Hammond Street Church, in the city of Bangor. Present, as members of Conference, the following delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:—

York.	Rev. Josiah W. Powers.
Cumberland.	Rev. Joseph Vaill, " Sewall Tenney, " David Shepley.
Lincoln.	Rev. David M. Mitchell, " Jotham Sewall Jr. Bro. William M'Lellan.
Kennebec.	Rev. E. Gillet, D. D., " Isaac Rogers, " Samuel Talbot.
Hancock & Waldo	Rev. Jonathan Fisher, " Stephen Thurston, Bro. Solomon Skinner.
Oxford,	Rev. Charles Soule, " Charles Frost, " Nathan W. Sheldon, Bro. Amos J. Cook, " Giles Shurtleff.
Somerset.	Rev. Oren Sikes, Bro. Benjamin Weston.
Penobscot.	Rev. Thomas Williams, " Wales Lewis, Dea. Jonah Thomas.
Washington.	Rev. Thomas T. Stone, " Robert Crossett, " Stephen D. Ward, Bro. John Dickinson.

Members *ex officiis.*

Rev. Samuel Johnson, *Moderator.* Benjamin Tappan, *Scribe;* Chas. Freeman, *Cor. Secretary;* John Maltby, *Minister of the place;* Josiah Peet, *preacher;* Perez Chapin, Allen Greely and Isaac Weston, *delegates to foreign bodies.* Asa Cummings, John A. Douglas, Josiah Tucker, Mighill Blood, Nathaniel Chapman, Enoch Pond, George Shepard, Dea. Jesse Page, Dea. Bliss Blodget, Bro. George Thatcher, *members of committees.*

Delegate from General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Elisha G. Babcock. Delegates from General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Anson Rood, Otis C. Whiton.

Other Congregational Ministers present were invited to meet with the Conference, and to assist in their deliberations.

After reading the Scriptures and singing, prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Maltby, Pond and Pomroy were chosen a committee of arrangements; and Rev. Messrs. David Thurston, Vaill and Thomas Adams a committee of nominations.

A written communication was read from the Rev. Seneca White, delegate from this body at the late annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and an account was orally given by Rev. Isaac Weston of his attendance at the last annual meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, and by Rev. Perez Chapin of his attendance with the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Messrs. Thomas Adams, Joseph C. Lovejoy, Stephen Thurston, Hon. Wm. M'Lellan, and John Dickinson Esq., were appointed a committee to prepare and present resolutions on the subject of TEMPERANCE; Professor Pond, Rev. A. Cummings and bro. Amos J. Cook on the subject of the SABBATH; Rev. Messrs. Stone, Mitchell and bro. Stephen Sewall on the subject of PEACE.

Hon. W. D. Williamson was appointed to audit the treasurer's report; this service he performed, and the report was accepted.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Rood, of Connecticut, delivered a discourse from Romans 12: 1, in which he urged the obligation and necessity of an elevated standard of piety in the professed followers of Christ, not only for their own personal safety, but for the diffusion of the Gospel, and the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Prayer by the preacher, and Rev. D. Thurston.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The first hour was employed in devotional exercises and exhortations, which were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Shepley, Jones, and J. Sewall Jr.

TEMPERANCE. Rev. Thomas Adams, from the Committee appointed on Temperance in the forenoon, reported the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, as the manufacture of Ardent Spirit and traffic in it to be used as a drink, is now known and generally acknowledged to be an immorality, which tends powerfully to obstruct the progress of the gospel, and is exceedingly injurious in its influence on the bodies and souls of men, it is, in our view, the duty of all members of the Christian Church, both in their individual and associated capacity, perseveringly to use all suitable means to cause this evil immediately and universally to cease.

2. *Resolved*, That a continuance in this immorality, with a knowledge of the subject or the means of becoming acquainted with it, is, in our view, a sufficient reason not only why persons should not be admitted as members of the Christian Church, but after all proper means have, for a suitable time, been used in vain to reclaim them, is also a sufficient reason, why they should not be continued as members of the Christian Church.

3. *Resolved*, That the practice of importing and exporting such liquor to be used as a drink, or the renting of buildings to be occupied

for the sale of it, is, in our view, entirely at variance with the Christian religion, and ought, especially by all professed friends of that religon, to be universally abandoned.

These resolutions, having been supported by the chairman of the committee who reported them, and by Rev. S. Thurston, that opportunity might be afforded for future discussion, it was voted to lay them on the table.

The Theological Seminary. The Report of the Committee, appointed last year to visit the Theological Seminary, was read by Rev. A. Cummings, the Rev. T. T. Stone, from whom it was expected, being confined by sickness, and was as follows:

REPORT ON THE BANGOR SEMINARY.

The Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the General Conference to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, report:

That in pursuance of the duty assigned them, several of their number attended the examination and anniversary of the Institution, and endeavored, as far as possible, to ascertain its present state and prospects. The exercises both of the Examination and of the Exhibition were highly satisfactory, evincing the fidelity of the Instructors, and the industry of the Students. In regard to other particulars, they are able to make the following statements.

An attempt was made several years ago to endow the Professorship of Systematic Theology. Towards this object about $10,500 have been paid, leaving a deficiency of about $6,000 to complete the endowment. Within the present year, the Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric and Ecclesiastical History has been endowed by subscription, to the amount of $20,000 from twenty individuals, most, if not allof whom, belong to the County of Penobscot. This sum is to be paid in ten annual instalments. At the end of ten years, it is expected that half of it will be expended in support of the Rhetorical Professor, and that the remainder, being funded as it becomes due, will constitute a fund for his future support. In Cumberland County an attempt has been made during the year to secure $15,000, for the purpose of endowing a Professorship of Biblical Literature. Of this sum, $8,000 have been already subscribed; and it is believed that the remainder will be procured in the course of a few months.

The Professorship, for which this subscription is sought, has become vacant by the resignation of Professor Bond; an event, for which much regret is expressed, but rendered necessary by the state to which his health was reduced. Much inquiry, your Committee are assured, has been made, and measures taken, not only to fill the vacancy, but also to procure a Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Ecclesiastical History. Appointments to both these offices, it is expected, will soon be made; that, if possible, they may be supplied before the commencement of another term. At present, we are assured, the office of instruction in Biblical Literature is very satisfactorily performed by Mr. Franklin Yeaton, a member of the Middle Class in the Institution.—Of the Classical School, connected with the Theological Seminary, Mr. John C. Adams has charge. In this school are about fifty students; while additional to these, twenty-nine belong to the different Theological Classes.

To the Library several hundred volumes have been added during the present year, partly by donation, but chiefly by purchase. Measures designed to increase it have been contemplated by different Conferences in the State; $300, of which however a part only has been

paid, being appropriated to this object by vote of the Kennebec Conference at its meeting the last autumn, and $5,000 by the York Conference, to be raised within five years. It is felt by all the friends of the Institution, that votes and resolutions of such a kind should be faithfully fulfilled, not only for the sake of the object which they specially contemplate, but also for the benefit which their execution reflects upon the churches themselves. A blessing can hardly be looked for by those, who, to the neglect of obligations which precede every purpose of their own, add a violation of their solemn engagements and promises. Connected with the Library, we learn there is a Reading Room furnished with most of the better Periodicals of the day. By the munificence of a gentleman in Brunswick, David Dunlap Esq. a Philosophical Apparatus, costing $500, has been furnished, affording facilities for improvement in the Natural Sciences; a subject on which, it is stated, that a course of Lectures is at this time in progress. Besides these means of improvement, the students have established among themselves several societies, of which the principal are for Inquiry concerning Missions, for Rhetorical improvement, and for promoting the cause of Peace. Of these Societies, the two former are taking measures for the establishment of Libraries.

Of the new edifice, built almost entirely by donations from the churches in Maine, and bearing the appropriate name of Maine Hall, one half is already completed, and the other half, which is now finishing, will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the next term. Another building of the same dimensions is to be erected the next year, chiefly through the beneficence of a liberal citizen of Bangor.

By the report made to this body at its last meeting, it appears that there were then in the Treasury $46 17.

Received since that time in legacies, donations, moneys refunded by beneficiaries, and from sales of lands, cash to the amount of	10,096 56	
Paid out for sundry purposes	10,103 44	
Consequently the treasury is now overdrawn to the amount of		6 88
There is due to the Institution on notes and accounts	4,500 00	
Estimated to be due on subscription of 1832—3	9,000 00	
Lands, notes, &c. exclusive of the site of the Seminary buildings and of notes of beneficiaries, amounting to 4,000 00	12,776 00	
		26,276

The wants of the Institution, though considerably diminished since the last year, still furnish an important article of consideration. Among these, the following may be enumerated:—$6,000 to complete the endowment of the Theological Professorship; a permanent provision for the support of the Principal of the Classical School; beds and furniture for rooms; a chapel and houses for Professors. A chapel is necessary, not only for purposes of devotion, but for those also of recitation and of accommodation for the Library. Besides the want of room for the Library where it now is, there is danger of loss in a building where so many fires are kept during so large a part of the year. By those who are most nearly connected with the Institution, it is felt, however, that the most pressing want is that of houses for Professors. These, they believe, should be set up immediately.

Your committee are assured of these facilities for the work; that the Seminary is in possession of land on which these houses might be erected, and that, in consequence of the high rent paid for houses in this city, even if money were loaned to build them and the interest paid by the Professors, there would still be a gain to them, and through them to the Institution, of not less than $400 annually.

The Committee would earnestly recommend, that these wants be supplied without unnecessary delay. They confidently believe, that, so far as any further *permanent* provision is needed for the most successful prosecution of the objects of the Institution, such provision may be made within the present year, with far more satisfaction to the Churches, than to have the work linger through a series of years. Besides, our churches need, at this moment, all the benefit which can reasonably be expected from the most unembarrassed and extended operations of the Seminary. And the want of ministers to take possession of the unoccupied fields which rise to view wherever we turn our eyes, imposes upon us an imperious obligation to provide for the education of as many of our choice and gifted young men, as God has prepared by his grace for the sacred work. Per order,

T. T. STONE.

A resolution to accept the Report, and to have it printed in connection with the Minutes of the Conference, was offered by the Rev. J. Vaill, and seconded by the Rev. D. Shepley.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Lovejoy, seconded by Rev. G. E. Adams—

Resolved, That this Conference rejoice exceedingly in the enlargement, prosperity, and prospects of the Theological Seminary in Bangor, regarding its interests as identified with the best interests of the churches.

On motion of Rev. J. Maltby, seconded by Rev. Messrs. B. Tappan and Jonathan Fisher.

Resolved, That the Theological Seminary in Bangor be commended with renewed confidence to the patronage of our churches, and that the work of endowing it, so far as permanent provision is concerned, should be accomplished without delay.

Much feeling was excited by some of the addresses in support of the foregoing resolutions, and particularly by the allusions of Mr. Fisher to past seasons in the history of the Seminary, when it was seriously debated, whether the enterprise should not be relinquished, and when it was saved from annihilation merely by the voluntary subscriptions of individual members of the Board of Trust. "When we were little in our own eyes, (said he) we *felt* that none but God could sustain and prosper us; and now we are comparatively strong, let us not forget our dependence. Let us still be humble, and cherish a sense of dependence on God, and he will continue to prosper us." May his counsel sink deep into the hearts of all connected with the Seminary, and of the churches that sustain it. The Institution was then commended to God in prayer, by Rev. Jotham Sewall, sen., and the Conference adjourned to half past seven in the evening.

TUESDAY EVENING.

In the evening, after prayer by Rev. George E. Adams, the cause of the American Tract Society was brought forward, and very impressively advocated, by the Rev. Seth Bliss, Secretary and General Agent of the Society. In his discourse on this occasion, the wants of China, and the facilities now afforded for publishing the Gospel in

that empire, by means of religious Tracts, received special attention Though a contribution had not been previously notified, yet, at the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Pomroy, a collection was taken up in aid of tract operations in China, amounting to upwards of $150.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment.

The first subject, that received the attention of the Conference, was that of SYSTEMATIC CHARITY. The committee to which the subject was referred at the last annual meeting, made the following report:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC CHARITY.

The committee appointed by the last General Conference, to whom was referred a Report on Systematic Charity, beg leave to report as follows.

1. That as the Religious Charitable Societies of the different counties in the State hold their anniversaries at different seasons of the year, and find it convenient to make efforts for their several objects at different times, and as the churches and congregations have many of them long been in the habit of aiding some institution at a certain period of the year, it is not advisable to recommend that a specific time be appropriated throughout the State to one object.

2. That the Committee deem it highly important that county and town societies should at certain seasons of the year make collections for those objects that are to be annually assisted, that regular habits of giving may be formed, and that a *steady* support may be given to benevolent institutions.

3. That the churches should take the lead in benevolent efforts, and that these efforts should be made with as little organization as possible.

4. That our reliance, under God, for adequate benevolent effort in our churches and congregations, cannot be on any particular system or organization, but on the due exhibition and enforcement of the duty of active effort, and of active self denial for the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

5. That when the pastors of the churches enter fully into the spirit of their Lord and Master, and understand the whole relation of the church to the world, proper benevolent efforts will be made by such means as they and their churches shall devise and adopt, without any other suggestions as to benevolent measures, than such as may be made by the great benevolent societies of the day; and therefore, while the Committee duly appreciate the views exhibited in the report of last year, and consider the practical suggestions it contains in reference to benevolent efforts, as of much value, they advise that the General Conference recommend no system of religious charity to the churches.

This report, after some discussion, was adopted.

The Rev. Messrs. Sewall Tenney, G. E. Adams, Shepard and Lovejoy were chosen a Committee to present the subject of forming a State Sabbath School Union, and half past eight to-morrow morning was appointed as the time for receiving their report.

That time might be afforded for the annual meetings of the Maine Missionary Society and the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, the Conference adjourned until half past seven in the evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At the meeting on Wednesday evening, after prayer offered by Rev

Thomas Tenney, Rev. Mr. Rood, wishing to depart on the morrow, made a report on the state of religion in Connecticut. Professor Pond then rose and adverted with much feeling to the resolutions of Tuesday relating to the Theological Seminary; and particularly to that resolution, in which the Conference had recommended that measures be immediately taken to complete the permanent endowment of the Institution. He inquired whether the Conference had been in earnest in this matter—whether they were to be understood as intending all that they had said. Prof. P. thought he could inform the Conference, in few words, as to what would be needed, in order to carry their resolution into effect. And he proceeded to mention several things which were of obvious and indispensable *necessity*—appending to each the *least* sum for which it could probably be accomplished. Upon casting up the items, it was found that they amounted to $60,000. Accordingly, for the purpose of bringing out the real mind of the Conference, Prof. P. introduced a resolution, recommending to the Trustees of the Seminary to raise within the year the sum of $60,000, with a view to the permanent endowment of the Institution. It was obvious to many gentlemen in the house, that the Professor, in his economy, had estimated several things too low, and that there were some necessary things which had not been estimated or mentioned at all Accordingly, when Prof P. sat down, Mr. John Barker, a wealth merchant of Bangor, moved an amendment to the resolution, substituting *one hundred thousand dollars* in place of sixty. The mover having consented to the amendment, the meeting was now addressed in a very spirited manner, by Mr. Barker, Rev. Mr. Pomroy, and Jacob McGaw Esq. of Bangor, and by Rev. Messrs. Bliss of Boston, Adams of Brunswick, Lovejoy of Oldtown, and Fisher of Bluehill.—At the close of the discussion, it was proposed that the resolution to raise $100,000 within the year be submitted, first, to the Conference, and afterwards to the whole assembly. And in this way the question was finally disposed of—the Conference voting unanimously in the affirmative, and nearly every one of the great congregation rising up together to express their approbation of the measure proposed, and to pledge themselves to do all in their power to carry it into effect.

After prayer by Rev. P. Chapin, the Conference adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday Morning.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the subject of Sabbath Schools made a report adverse to the formation of a State S. S. Union. After considerable discussion, the subject was referred to the same committee again, with instructions to consider it still farther, and to report at the next annual meeting.

Voted, That it be recommended to the several County Conferences to take the subject of Sabbath Schools into special consideration, and to do what they can to promote the establishment and prosperity of Sabbath Schools within their respective limits.

Agreeably to a report of the committee on nominations, the following appointments were made:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Samuel Johnson,
Bro. William Ladd.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. George E. Adams,
Dea. Woodbury Storer.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Mighell Blood,
" Benjamin Rice.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. David Thurston,
" Josiah Tucker.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Isaac Rogers,
" Richard Woodhull.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Silas M'Kean,
" Caleb F. Page.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Charles Soule,
" Charles Frost.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Allen Greely,
" Eben Carpenter.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Joseph Walker,
" Wooster Parker.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Joseph Underwood,
" Wales Lewis.

To the Evangelical Association of Rhode Island.

Rev. Joseph B. Fessenden.

SUBSTITUTE.

Rev. Thomas Williams.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary.

YORK,	Rev. Levi Smith.
CUMBERLAND,	Bro. William Cutter.
OXFORD,	Rev. John A. Douglas.
LINCOLN,	Rev. Richard Woodhull.
SOMERSET,	Rev. Alden Boynton.
KENNEBEC,	Bro. Stephen Sewall.
HANCOCK & WALDO,	Bro. Samuel Adams.
PENOBSCOT,	Dea. ——— Brastow.
WASHINGTON,	Rev. Robert Crossett.

First Preacher for the next meeting, Rev. David M. Mitchell—second, Rev. Swan L. Pomroy.

The public exercises of the forenoon were commenced with prayer by Rev. Caleb F. Page. Report on the State of Religion in the churches connected with the General Conference of Maine, was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Charles Freeman, accepted, and ordered to be printed. Report on the State of Religion in Vermont was made by Rev. E. G. Babcock, delegate from the General Convention in that State. Rev. Jonathan Clement, delegate from the General Association in New Hampshire, gave an account of religion in that State.

An account was given of the operations of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the enterprise in which they are engaged was ably and eloquently commended to the continued prayers and charities of the churches in Maine, by Rev. Mr. Bardwell, Agent of the Board.

Society of Inquiry. A resolution was offered by Rev. S. Thurston, and seconded by Mr. Bardwell, proposing that cards be circulated, and that a subscription and contribution be taken up, to furnish a library for the Society of Inquiry respecting missions in the Theological Seminary in Bangor. The resolution was adopted, and resulted in a subscription and contribution, amounting to between $700 and $800.

Peace. On motion of Rev. S. L. Pomroy,

Resolved, That it is our duty, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to do whatever is within our power to secure the immediate, universal and perpetual abolition of every species of war.

The Christian Sabbath. Professor Pond, from the Committee on the Sabbath, reported the following resolutions:

As it is the will of God that men should remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy; and as obedience to this command is essential to the social and religious interests of men; and as every individual and every body of men are under sacred obligations to use all suitable means to accomplish so desirable an object: Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the running of stages, boats, cars, and other vehicles of conveyance, for purposes of worldly business, amusement, or profit, and also the travelling in them, on the Christian Sabbath, are, in our view, *immoralities*, and ought to be immediately and universally abandoned.

2. *Resolved*, That the patronizing of such establishments, in any way, in their violations of the Sabbath, is also, in our view, morally wrong, and ought to be abandoned.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of all persons, especially of ministers of the gospel and professed Christians, by precept and example, by the diffusion of information, the exertion of kind moral influence, and in all suitable ways to secure universally, and to perpetuate the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath.

These resolutions having been sustained by Prof. Pond, Rev. Messrs. Pomroy and D. Thurston, and Mr. Huntington of Conn., with appropriate remarks, were passed: and it was voted to call a public meeting in the evening, for the purpose of resuming the discussion of them.

The Bible. On motion of Prof. Pond, seconded by Mr. Carruthers,

Resolved, That it be recommended to local Bible Societies in Maine to furnish, as soon as practicable, a sufficient number of New Testaments to supply the children and youth within their respective limits with this precious portion of the book of God.

Slavery. The following resolutions were introduced by Rev. B. Tappan:

Whereas this Conference deeply deplore the existence of slavery, with all the sins, miseries, and evils involved in it, in this land of christian light and liberty—and perceiving the difficulties which embarrass every effort to remove it, are strongly impressed with a conviction of the need of help from God: Therefore,

Resolved, That on this day set apart by many of our fellow christians for humiliation and prayer in reference to this matter, this Con-

ference will spend a season in united solemn prayer, that the God of all power and mercy will graciously pardon the accumulated guilt, which the long continued existence of slavery has brought upon our whole nation—and that he will so enlighten and influence the public mind, so direct and overrule the course of events, as that every band of wickedness may be speedily unloosed, and the enslaved be universally set free.

Whereas slavery, as it exists in this land, is a sin against God and man, and a most threatening evil; and whereas the *North*, as well as the South, are deeply implicated in the guilt of slavery, at least in the District of Columbia: Therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the members of this Conference, and of our churches generally, to use their influence to have petitions extensively poured into Congress, the present year, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia.

Agreeably to the recommendation in the former resolution, the Conference engaged in prayer, being led by the Recording Secretary.

Moral Reform. On motion of Rev. D. Thurston,

Resolved, That the sin of lewdness prevails so extensively, and is attended with consequences so pernicious to the temporal and eternal well being of men, as to demand most imperiously the wakeful regard of every philanthropist and christian.

Resolved, That, in order to the success of any measures to prevent transgression, or to promote reform, there must be manly and public disclosure of the evils to be remedied.

Resolved, That it is the duty of ministers of the gospel to preach God's word as faithfully on licentiousness, as on any other vice.

Seamen. On motion of Rev. D. Thurston,

Resolved, That the Seamen have strong claims upon the sympathy, prayers and efforts of the churches for their conversion and christian edification.

Christian Mirror. On motion of Rev. Charles Soule,

The Christian Mirror, being the property of the Maine Missionary Society, and its influence confessedly great in establishing and sustaining the institutions of the gospel in this State, and in advancing the benevolent operations of the day: Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Conference of Maine recommend to the Churches in its connection to use their influence to extend the circulation of the Christian Mirror, particularly as a gratuity to the poor of their own number, and in places destitute of the ordinary means of grace.

Tract Cause. Upon motion of the Recording Secretary, seconded by the Rev. Seth Bliss,

Resolved, That this Conference will attempt to raise during the present year the sum of $4,000 to aid the American Tract Society in the work of foreign distribution, and for the distribution of the Society's publications in this State.

The sum proposed in the foregoing resolution, within the State, was apportioned, agreeably to the report of a committee raised for that purpose, in the following manner, viz: To churches in Cumberland were assigned $1100; in York $600; Penobscot $600; Kennebec $550; Oxford $500; Lincoln $350; Somerset $150; Hancock & Waldo $150; Washington $150.

After singing the Christian Doxology, the Conference adjourned until half past two P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The annual Sermon before the Conference was preached by the Rev. Josiah Peet, of Norridgewock, from Psalm 51: 18.

An account was then given of the state of religion in England by Rev. Mr. Curtis, pastor of the Baptist church in Bangor. This was followed with prayer by the Moderator. Then came the administration of the Lord's Supper, in which service Rev. Messrs. Baldwin of Illinois and Babcock officiated. The elder Mr. Sewall also offered a few words in the way of address to the assembly, contrasting the present scene of our solemnities with the condition of Bangor and its vicinity in 1801, when he first visited the place, and enforcing the obligations of gratitude and duty hence arising.

After the assembly was dismissed, the resolutions on Temperance were taken up and passed.

Voted, That the Secretaries, with the Rev. Mr. Cummings, be a committee to procure the printing of the Minutes—and the meeting was dissolved.

Next meeting of the Conference to be in Augusta, on Tuesday next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June 1836, at 9 o'clock A. M.

B. TAPPAN, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT

On the State of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

Another year has passed away, and has brought nearer the accomplishment of the great promises and glorious purposes of Jehovah through the mediation of Jesus Christ. The review of the state of religion within the bounds of the General Conference of Maine may both humble us before God, and animate our hopes. He has blessed the churches in general in external prosperity; and on numbers he has shed down the renewing and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit; but he has also left most of our congregations without a quickening power from on high; and from many of them religion is reported as low, and thus we are taught both our unworthiness and our insufficiency; and we are instructed to look beyond all the privileges we enjoy, and the efforts we make, to the sovereign and gracious interposition of our God. In such a spirit of dependence we shall yearly have fresh triumphs of divine grace to record, even though we should see in our connection evils to deplore and afflictions to lament.

In looking over the nine Conferences, embracing the ten Counties of the State, we begin with the most eastern.

WASHINGTON. With the exception of Pembroke, in which the church of Dennysville has a portion of its members, none of the congregations have been blessed with any special revival of religion. There has been, however, it is believed, a gradual gain in the spirit of the gospel; union and peace exist in a happy degree; and morals, especially as connected with the Temperance reformation, are in a state of improvement.

The HANCOCK and WALDO Conference, has, on the whole, prospered the past year. The meeting of this Conference the last October at Bluehill, was protracted by the desire of the church on account of the long and dreary winter, as to religion, through which they had passed. Before the close of the religious services of that week, the Holy Spirit descended; sinners were awakened, and a blessed revival ensued. In a few weeks, more than fifty souls hoped they had "passed from death unto life." Some of them were cases of uncommon interest. About 40 have united with the Congregational church; and some others are expected to join them. The churches in Belfast and Prospect have

each enjoyed a gentle refreshing from the presence of the Lord, in which numbers were brought, as is hoped, to a saving knowledge of Christ. More than thirty have been added to the church in Prospect, a part of whom obtained a hope during the present year.

It is thought that the religious prospects of the County of Waldo, which have hitherto been exceedingly dark and distressing, begin to brighten. For some time it has had only two ministers of our faith. Another has recently come to Camden, which is in this county, though the church is connected with the Lincoln Conference. Another minister labors one half of the time with the church of Knox and vicinity. Rev. Mr. Carruthers' labors have been blessed in the revival of religion in Unity, and in the great enlargement of the little church there. May the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into this whitened field.

The Penobscot Conference has been more favored with the effusions of the Holy Spirit the past year than any other section of the State; and yet the quickening influence has been confined to a few of the churches. The church in Dixmont has been much blessed, and some special attention has existed in Hammond Street, Bangor, and Orrington. There is some prospect that two or three churches will soon have pastors. Though there is no revival now in progress, there is much that is interesting in the state of religious things in the county. There is an increasing desire to have the institutions of the gospel established, and also an increasing disposition to aid in establishing them in destitute places. The resolution passed by the County Conference last August, to raise $2,000 in aid of Home Missions, has been accomplished, and more than accomplished. The cause of Temperance and the Sabbath School cause, are generally in an interesting state, but further effort for these objects is still needed. The county affords a large field for religious exertion; and much is to be done by christians to render it the garden of the Lord.

Lincoln Conference. A little more than a year since, the Holy Spirit was descending in his special influences upon a number of the churches. But now it is otherwise, and no special attention is known to exist within the limits of the Conference, except that a few awakenings and hopeful conversions have occurred in Newcastle, as the result of two successive protracted meetings held a few weeks since. The work, however, does not extend as could be desired. The cause of active benevolence is believed to be advancing in the county. The Monthly Concert is observed in most, if not in all the churches; but is far from receiving that attention which its importance demands. The Sabbath School Concert is observed by some: and the Seamen's Concert by a few; and in one at least, on the fourth Monday in the month a meeting to some extent is attended to pray for the promotion of Temperance and the abolition of Slavery.

KENNEBEC Conference. The year succeeding that reviewed in the last report of the General Conference, though it has not resembled some former years, in the number and extent of "revivals" of the work of God, has not been entirely unmarked in this respect. But on a few of the churches the rain of divine grace has copiously descended. Farmington is one of these favored churches. A successful protracted meeting in Phillips encouraged the church in Farmington to hold one. This meeting was attended throughout with a remarkable blessing. The prayers of the servants of Jesus for anxious sinners were evidently heard and answered. During the progress of the meeting not less than 70 or 80 indulged a hope in Jesus; and the number subsequently increased to upwards of 100. In this revival the members of the Sabbath School, and the children of the church were greatly blessed; and of the latter not far from thirty hopefully found peace at the foot of the cross; and thus Abraham's God has shown himself still the God of believers and their seed; twenty-nine have been added to the church. Thus can we rejoice with a church from which we received last year sad complaints of the abounding of iniquity, and of the decay of christian love. The effusion of the spirit upon Hallowell, which was mentioned the last year, followed by the awakening and hopeful conversion of more than twenty persons; and this number have been added to the church by profession. Augusta, First Parish, has received some blessing. Chesterville also has been remembered in mercy, and twenty or thirty have, it is charitably hoped, passed from death to life, chiefly from the Sabbath School, though a few adults have expressed hope. The church in Temple has been refreshed, and some sinners have bowed to Christ. The desolations of the last year are about being repaired in some measure; and in addition to the ten pastors in the twenty churches in this Conference, four ministers are under a call to settle. The destitute churches feelingly complain of the want of pastors.

SOMERSET Conference has been revived and strengthened beyond most other Conferences, according to its numbers. As the fruits of a work of grace in Bloomfield, about thirty give evidence of having passed from death unto life. Industry has also enjoyed a season of refreshing. A union protracted meeting in Madison resulted in the hopeful conversion of about twenty in the different denominations, six of whom have united with the congregational church, which is thus strengthened, and their religious state improved. The church in Norridgewock held a protracted meeting in connexion with three other denominations, which continued eight days. The meeting was harmonious and interesting, and was evidently attended with tokens of the divine favor and presence. Christians were roused and quickened; between twenty and thirty manifested the hope that they had found

a Savior. Thirteen have since united with the church, and as many more, it is expected, will come forward soon and own their Lord. In Strong there have been some cases of hopeful conversion, of uncommon interest, during the year. But that church was more specially visited during the previous year. Of the fruits of these revivals, 28 have been added to the church the past year. Over the county a new impulse has been given to the cause of Sabbath Schools. The cause of Temperance is advancing; and though the churches are feeble, and can do but little to aid the general objects of benevolence, not supporting the gospel fully among themselves, yet something has been done for these objects; and it is pleasing to see that a disposition to aid these objects is increasing. "On the whole," adds the report from this Conference, "in view of the smiles which the Great Head of the Church has bestowed upon this Conference the year past, we feel that we have reason to bless God, and to take courage.

From Oxford, it is reported that, in the churches of this body there is nothing of special interest. More of the churches are now destitute, than at any time since the organization of the Conference. And there is apparent a great want of spirituality. Vital piety has greatly declined. Still God has not forsaken the churches. Sabbath Schools are in a flourishing state; and an increasing interest is manifested in this institution, in many congregations; meetings are generally well attended on the Sabbath; and more has probably been done the past year for the various benevolent objects of the day, than in any preceding year.

Cumberland Conference. Several of the numerous churches of this Conference have been visited in mercy. The church in Bridgton under the pastoral care of Rev. C. F. Page, has, in answer to prayer, been refreshed; and a special attention, continuing for nearly a year, has been followed by the addition of thirty-two to the church. The church in Brunswick has prospered, and has received forty-five by profession, most of whom, however, entertained a hope in Christ previously to the commencement of the year. In Harrison has been more than usual attention. On the church at Lewiston Falls, or, at least, on some of its members, a special influence of the Holy Spirit seemed to rest during the autumn and winter. Serious inquiry was awakened among the impenitent, and a few were led to hope in the pardoning mercy of Christ. The savor of those days to some extent continues. North Yarmouth, First Church, has lost many members by death; but their death has been a seal to the truth and excellency and importance of religion. The Second Church reported the last year that for a few months meetings had been uncommonly well attended. The special religious interest then manifested continued, in some measure, through the summer. It was truly a refreshing season to a portion of the church; and several souls, it is believed, became partakers of the grace

of life. While a few churches have thus been blessed, there has been to a lamentable extent a suspension of those divine influences which are needful for the conversion of unbelievers, and the quickening of christians. Several of the churches report that seasons for social prayer have awakened comparatively little interest and attention, and the Monthly Concert has been greatly neglected.

York Conference. From this Conference the report is rather favorable, though some churches lament that religion is low. Kennebunkport has enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In the spring of 1834 most of the church were engaged in prayer for the outpouring of the spirit; and a growth of seriousness was soon manifest in the congregation, in the increase of numbers and fixedness of attention. With deliberate consultation and trembling solicitude a protracted meeting was appointed, and a goodly number of conversions took place; and other cases occurred daily or weekly for some months. The good work continued with more or less interest until December. Days' meetings, held in the district school houses, were much blessed, and in some instances, after lectures and these meetings, when persons who wished to converse on religion were desired to remain, not an individual left the house. Neighborhood meetings were also held daily or weekly as circumstances required, for conversation and prayer, limited to one hour, and conducted like a family visit in a time of revival, only embracing several families instead of one. Thus the minister's time was saved for other duties, and all who wished to join in prayer and converse with their pastor had the opportunity. Adds the pastor, "The labor is pleasant and useful; brethren, try it." During the year 48 have been added to the church by profession. South Berwick has experienced some reviving influence, as the fruits of which thirteen have united with the church, and others indulge hope. Five Sabbath scholars and two teachers have become hopefully pious. The church have recently formed themselves into a Monthly Concert Benevolent Association, embracing six of the great benevolent objects of the day. To each of these they devote their prayers and alms more particularly for two months, giving, within this time all they design to give for the year to the object to which the two months are appropriated, unless there is a special call for more. The Maternal Association in the church is at present in a very interesting state. It numbers 28 members, and takes fourteen of the Mothers' Magazine. About twenty of the children connected with it have become hopefully pious since its formation in 1825, three or four of whom are preparing for the ministry. A number of the churches in the Conference are struggling with difficulties; others enjoy peace and prosperity, and, on the whole, religion has made progress. But there is not, at present, an evident and powerful

work of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of unbelievers or of professors.

Nine Conferences include the ten counties of the State. Connected with these Conferences are 181 churches, there being four other churches not reported, or not united with any Conference. There are 116 pastors, or stated preachers, who in some instances supply several churches. There are 27 others, ordained ministers, who preach constantly or occasionally; and ten licentiates have preached in the State the past year. To all the churches 916 have been added by profession and 274 by letter, in all 1190; while 208 have been removed by death, 274 by dismission, and 34 by excommunication, in all 516, leaving a net increase of 674. The whole number *reported* in the churches is 13,900, being an increase beyond the number *reported* last year of 881. Twenty-one ministers, a greater number than usual, have been set apart the last year to the pastoral care of churches; but from the frequency of removals, the number of pastors and stated preachers has increased only from 114 to 116. 85 of those who have preached within our limits have been assisted by the Maine Missionary Society.

As we look over the whole bounds of the General Conference, we find our borders extended, and new churches added to our number, and the great territory of the State more and more occupied, through the efficient agency of the Maine Missionary Society. The spirit of benevolence grows, but not in proportion to our wealth as a civil community, nor to the resources of the church. The favor of God is richly bestowed on the Theological Institution of Maine in Bangor; and the recent liberality of the church to this Seminary shews that its importance is highly appreciated, and authorizes the hope that many laborers from this source will go forth into this extending portion of the Lord's vineyard. The cries of the destitute churches for sympathy, and prayer and help are peculiarly pathetic; and we are informed of but few of the sons of the church, of the members of Sabbath Schools, and of converts in recent revivals, who have devoted themselves to preparation for the gospel ministry. The Temperance Reformation has of late months moved forward with new vigor; but it still leaves many in their vices and guilt, who are represented as, in some cases, abandoning themselves more completely to their sin. Sabbath Schools are represented as prosperous, yet few conversions of scholars are reported. In conclusion, the information given us is that sanctuaries are erected, churches formed, ministers settled, the feeble helped, and men are gathered into the house of God, and the way of the Lord is thus prepared that his glory may be revealed, and all flesh see it together.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

In these Tables S. S. signifies stated supply. In some cases the Tables have been filled up from information later than that given in the Reports of the Conferences, particularly that it may be known who are the *present* pastors of the churches.

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions. Prof.	Letter	Removals. D'th.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Bap.
Baldwin & Sebago	Noah Emerson	1		1			2[illegible]	
Bridgton	Caleb F. Page	29	3	2			80	
" South	J. P. Fessenden	5	1		1		42	5
Brunswick	George E. Adams	45	7	2	4		148	38
Cape Elizabeth	Josiah G Merrill	9		2		2	42	
Cumberland	Isaac Weston	4	3	5	4		188	10
Danville							8	
Durham							42	
Falmouth 1st				3	1		107	3
" 2d	J. B. Stevens	6		1			54	2
Freeport	Cephas H. Kent	3	1	2	3	1	149	4
Gorham	Thaddeus Pomeroy	9		[illegible]	16		211	10
Gray	Calvin White	2	2	3	3		64	4
Harrison		8					56	
Harpswell	Wm. Harlow						26	
Hebron & W Minot				3	2		56	
Lewiston	W. B. Adams	5	6	1			35	8
Minot Un. Cong.	Elijah Jones	1	1	2			221	5
New Gloucester	Benj. Rice	2	1	2			127	
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley	7	[illegible]	14	13	1	245	24
" 2d	Caleb Hobart	8	2		4		121	11
Poland			2		1	2	53	1
Portland 2d	Joseph Vaill	4	10	5	8	2	471	7
" 3d	Wm. T. Dwight	5	6	5	9		253	
" High-st.	J. W. Chickering	4	22	1	4		135	
Pownal	Perez Chapin		3		2	1	125	4
Raymond							15	
Scarborough	Thomas Jameson	1	1	1			108	
Standish Evan. ch.	Thomas Tenney	1					70	3
Westbrook 1st							105	
Saccarappa 2d	Joseph Searle	3	3				72	3
Windham		1	2		1	1	49	
32	28	163	81	60	76	10	3501	141

WASHINGTON.

Calais	Eber Child	2	2	1			43	
Cooper		1			1		16	
Dennysville	Robert Crosset	14	1	1			104	16
East Machias	T. T. Stone	4	1	1			101	8
Eastport	Wakefield Gale	5	1		1		72	15
Lubec							32	
Machias	Stephen D. Ward	6		1	2		108	
Machias Port	Gilman Bacheller	7					56	
Perry	H. Lucas, s. s.	2		1			84	4
Robbinston							28	
10	7	41	5	5	4		644	33

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LINCOLN—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions. Prof.	Let.	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Bap
Camden	N. Chapman			2	5		60	1
Edgecomb	E. Fobes		1	2		1	123	4
Newcastle	J. Sewall Jr.	1	1		1		80	24
Phipsburg	J. Boynton	10		3	2		197	18
Thomaston	R. Woodhull	2	1	5	1	2	113	2
Topsham	J. T. Hawes, s. s.						80	
Union				1			34	
Waldoboro'	D. M. Mitchell	18	2	6	2		133	29
Warren, 2d	E. T. Cutter	20					88	19
Washington				2		1	30	1
Wiscasset	Seneca White	9	1	3	3		24	12
Woolwich	J. C. Goss, s. s.	10		2			61	4
18	14	85	9	30	18	6	1683	157

HANCOCK & WALDO.

Aurora	Sylvester Clapp						18	
Belfast, 1st	Silas McKeen	10	2	3	9		91	
Bluehill	J. Fisher	38	5	1	1		103	20
Brooksville	Manning Ellis				2		28	
Bucksport	Mighill Blood	1	1	1	2		87	
Castine Trin. Ch.	Wooster Parker	25	1		4		67	11
Deer Isle	J. Adams, s. s.						80	
Ellsworth	Peter Nourse						36	1
Frankfort		2	4		1		20	1
Jackson & Brooks							35	
Knox & vicinity	Isaac E. Wilkins	2	2				20	8
Mount Desert	M. W. Strickland	3	1	4	2	3	164	11
Prospect	Stephen Thurston	25	7	1	3		166	33
Sedgwick	M. Ellis, s. s.	4		1			30	2
Sullivan								
Swanville							17	
16	11	110	23	11	24	3	962	87

SOMERSET.

Anson					3		11	
Bingham					1		39	3
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway	23	4	3	2		123	13
Cornville				1			11	
Fairfield							29	
Industry	Alden Boynton	9			2		51	
Kingfield							16	
Madison	Josiah Tucker	6	2				29	3
Mercer	Oren Sikes		6	1			65	4
N. Portl'd, Branch		5	3				15	
New Vineyard	David Turner						16	
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet	13	1	1	3		104	4
Phillips							33	
St. Albans	Nathan Douglas	1	7				29	
Solon	G. W. Fargo						70	
Strong	William May	28	1	1			115	19
16	9	85	24	7	11		756	46

...during the progress
less than 70 or 80 indulged a hope in Jesus;
sequently increased to upwards of 100. In
bers of the Sabbath School, and the childre
greatly blessed; and of the latter not far f
found peace at the foot of the cross; and t
has shown himself still the God of believ
twenty-nine have been added to the church.
joice with a church from which we received
plaints of the abounding of iniquity, and of
ian love. The effusion of the spirit upon H
mentioned the last year, followed by the awa
conversion of more than twenty persons; an
been added to the church by profession. A
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passed from death to life, chiefly from the Sal
a few adults have expressed hope. The ch
been refreshed, and some sinners have bow
desolations of the last year are about being
measure; and in addition to the ten pastors
es in this Conference, four ministers are und
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tors.

Somerset Conference has been revived an
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fruits of a work of grace in Bloomfield, abo
dence of having passed from death unto life.
enjoyed a season of refreshing. A union pr
Madison resulted in the hopeful conversion
the different denominations, six of whom hav
congregational church, which is thus strength

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Ch's	Pas.	Additions Prof.	Let.	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Bap
CUMBERLAND	35	23	168	81	60	7[illegible]	10	3[illegible]	441
HANCOCK & WALDO	16	11	110	2[illegible]	11	24	3	962	87
KENNEBEC	20	10	101	12	18	21	6	1456	
LINCOLN	18	13	85	9	30	18	6	1683	157
OXFORD	21	12	14	5	29	22	4	1537	37
PENOBSCOT	24	14	197	76	20	37	3	1101	102
SOMERSET	16	9	85	24	7	11		756	46
WASHINGTON	10	7	4[illegible]	5	5	24		644	33
YORK	24	17	12[illegible]	3[illegible]	28	41	2	2260	41
	181	116	916	274	208	274	34	13900	644

UNSETTLED MINISTERS.

Solomon Adams, Portland, Teacher of Female Seminary; Wm. Allen, D. D., Brunswick, Pres. Bowdoin College; Jonathan Belden, Hallowell; George Brown; Caleb Bradley, Westbrook, Cumb. Co.; Jonathan Calef, Lyman, York Co.; James Carruthers; Clark Cornish; Asa Cummings, Portland, Editor of Christian Mirror; E. Gillet D. D., Hallowell, Cor. Sec. of Maine Miss. Society; Anson Hubbard; Daniel Kendrick, Edgecomb; Elijah Kellogg, Portland; Valentine Little, Lovell; Wm. Miltimore, Falmouth; Freeman Parker, Wiscasset; Lewis Pennell; Enoch Pond, Bangor, Professor in Theo. Seminary; Lincoln Ripley, Waterford; John Sawyer, Garland; Amasa Smith, Cumberland, Cumb. Co.; Anson Sheldon; Charles Soule, E. Machias, Wash. Co., Preceptor; Herman Stinson, Weld, Oxford Co.; Sewall Tenney, Portland, Seaman's Preacher; Thomas Williams, Foxcroft, Penobscot Co.; Sam'l B. Witherell, Norridgewock, Somerset Co.

LICENTIATES.

Julius C. Anthony, John Baker, Ariel B. Chute, Israel Hills, Wm. J. Newman, C. M. Nichols, Daniel Sewall, Seth Sweetser, John C. Webster, Wm. Withington.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

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The object of this Society is to relieve the indigent widows and children of deceased Congregational ministers. Any person may become a member of the Society by paying to the Treasurer twenty dollars at one time, and all the Congregational ministers of Maine for the time being are considered members of this Society.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN AUGUSTA,

JUNE 21, 1836.

PORTLAND:
MERRILL AND BYRAM.
1836.

MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at the Meeting-house of Rev. Benjamin Tappan in Augusta, on Tuesday, June 21, 1836, at 9 o'clock A. M. Present as members, the following delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

YORK.	Rev. Clement Parker, " Elisha Bacon, " Albert W. Fisk, Dea. Howard Moody.
CUMBERLAND.	Rev. J. W. Chickering, " Thaddeus Pomeroy, " Jos. Searle, Dea. John Hayes.
LINCOLN.	Rev. John Boynton, " Enos Merrill, Bro. Charles Clapp, Dea. Joseph Decker.
OXFORD.	Rev. Jos. Walker, " Carlton Hurd, " Allen Greely, Dea. Jos. Colby, Dea. E. Morse, Bro. John Turner.
KENNEBEC.	Rev. Prince Hawes, " H. C. Jewett, " Simeon Hackett,
PENOBSCOT.	Rev. J. C. Lovejoy, " John Maltby.
HANCOCK & WALDO	Rev. Silas McKeen, Rev. Sewall Tenney, Dea. S. A. Moulton.
WASHINGTON.	Dea. John Dickinson.
SOMERSET.	Rev. Nathan Douglass, Rev. Oren Sikes, Dea. Samuel Cordis.

MEMBERS *ex officiis*.

Rev. Samuel Johnson, *Moderator*. Benjamin Tappan and David Shepley, *Rec. Secretaries*. Chas. Freeman, *Cor. Secretary*. Wm. Allen, *Treas. pro tem*. D. M. Mitchell, *preacher*. Joseph Vaill, S. L. Pomroy, Asa Cummings, Levi Smith, Alden Boynton, David Thurston, Stephen Thurston, Robert Page, Stephen D. Ward, Bro. Stephen Sewall, *members of Committees*.

Delegates from General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Alfre Ely, D. D. Rev. James Kimball. Delegate from General Associatio of New Hampshire, Rev. Giles Leach. Delegate from General Con vention of Vermont, Rev. Samuel G. Tenney. Delegate from Gener al Assembly of Presbyterian Church, Rev. Nicholas Murray.

The Rev. Samuel Johnson, Moderator, opened the meeting witl reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

Ordained ministers present, not members of the Conference, wer invited to sit as honorary members, and take part in the deliberation of the meeting.

The time having arrived for a new choice of Secretaries for thre years, the Rev. Chas. Freeman was re-elected, Corresponding Secre tary; and the Rev. Benjamin Tappan declining a re-election, Rev David Shepley was chosen Recording Secretary.

Rev. Messrs. Tappan, D. Thurston and Vaill were appointed a com mittee of arrangements; and Rev. Messrs. Cummings, S. Thurston and Bacon a committee of nominations.

The committee of arrangements, from time to time, reported the ex ercises of the meeting.

A communication was laid before the conference, from the Execu tive Committee of the American Tract Society, Boston, tendering their thanks to the churches of Maine for the sum of $3,117 32 raised by them the past year, for the Treasury of that society; and proposing in consideration of this aid, to deliver to the order of the General Con ference or to their committee, the Publications of the Society to the amount of seven hundred dollars, to be disposed of within the limits of the State, as the Conference might direct. The subject was submitted to a committee of one from each County Conference, with instructions to report a plan for obtaining and distributing the publications offered. Committee, Rev. Messrs. Chickering, Smith, E. Merrill, Hurd, Tappan, Peet, S. L. Pomroy, McKeen and Dea. John Dickinson. This com mitttee afterwards reported; whereupon,

Voted, That the appropriation of the American Tract Society be di vided among the County Conferences in the following proportions—the clerk of each Conference being expected to order the Books and Tracts from Boston and take charge of their distribution: Cumberland, $152. York, $100. Lincoln, $60. Kennebec, $90. Oxford, $88. Somerset, $26. Hancock and Waldo, $36. Penobscot, $100. Washington, $38.

Rev. Messrs. E. Merrill and R. Page were appointed a committee on a request of the Union Conference to be admitted to membership with this body. They afterwards reported a Constitutional difficulty in the way of the admission of this Conference. Subsequently, Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Vaill and Hurd were appointed a committee to consider the subject further, and reported the following article, which was ad ded to the Constitution, viz:

ART. XVIII. The Union Conference, *though not bounded by County lines*, may be admitted, a member of this body, with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

A written communication was read from Rev. G. E. Adams, delegate from this body at the late annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; and also a statement from him, as Treasurer of the Conference.

At 11 o'clock, a sermon was preached by Rev. S. G. Tenney, dele-

was resolved upon at the last annual meeting of the C
read by Rev. Mr. Boynton, one of the Committee to v
Remarks were made by the Moderator and several
ference. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered, in w
bly united with Rev. Jothram Sewall.

PEACE. Mr. Ladd presented this subject to the C
following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas the conversion of the world can never take
continue; and whereas the world is to be converted in
therefore,

Resolved, That it is the imperious duty of Christians to p
cease, and peace, with all its hallowed influences, oversp

Resolved, That it is the duty of the ministers of the P
preach in favor of the cause of peace, as a prominent par

Resolved, That the cause of peace is entitled to our con
as our prayers.

These resolutions were sustained by Rev. Messrs. I
ten, Prof. Pond, S. L. Pomroy, and C. Hurd.—Prof
in some researches, which he had occasion recently to
history of the church during the first few centuries, h
isfactory evidence that the early Christians held war
by the gospel, and that they declined serving as soldi

TEMPERANCE. This subject was introduced by R
with appropriate remarks, in which he was followed b
ams, W. Ladd, S. L. Pomroy, and C. Parker. The
tions were passed:—

1. *Resolved*, That the friends of the Temperance Refo
tionally expect, that it will continue to prosper, without
strenuous, persevering, and self-denying efforts.

2. *Resolved*, That such of our church members, as c
and sale of intoxicating liquors, ought to be moved by
the love of Christ, as exhibited in his sufferings to save
abandon the practice immediately, however considerabl

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. D. Thurston.

On report of the Committee of nominations, the following appointments were made:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

[Meeting at Philadelphia, May, 1837.]

Rev. Samuel Johnson,
Bro. R. P. Dunlap.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Thomas T. Stone,
Bro. William Ladd.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

[Meeting at North Brookfield, 4th Tuesday of June, 1837.]

Rev. Josiah Tucker,
" Levi Smith.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. J. W. Chickering.
" Josiah W. Powers.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

[Meeting at New Milford, 3d Tuesday of June, 1837.]

Rev. George Shepard,
" Jos. B. Stevens.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Stephen D. Ward,
" Ray Palmer.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

[Meeting at Exeter, last Tuesday of August 1836.]

Rev. Elisha Bacon,
" Clement Parker.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. D. P. Smith,
" A. W. Fisk,

To the General Convention of Vermont.

[Meeting at Castleton, 2d Tuesday of September, 1836.]

Rev. Seneca White,
" Joseph Underwood.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. J. R. Munsell,
" S. Hopkins.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

[Meeting at Bristol, 2d Tuesday of June, 1837.]

Rev. Thomas Williams.

SUBSTITUTE.

Rev. A. Cummings.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary.

York,	Rev. Charles Freeman.
Cumberland,	Bro. Joseph Adams.
Lincoln,	Rev. John W. Ellingwood.
Kennebec,	Bro. Thomas Rice.
Somerset,	Rev. Josiah Peet.
Oxford,	Bro. J. S. Barrows.
Hancock & Waldo,	Bro. Solyman Heath,
Penobscot,	Rev. Robert Page.
Washington,	Dea. John Dickinson.

First Preacher for next meeting, Rev. Swan L. Pomroy, second, Rev. Silas McKeen.

Voted, That the committee to visit the Theological Seminary be instructed to inquire, whether a closer connection can be effected between the Seminary and this Conference.

On motion of Prof. Pond,

Voted, That the Penobscot Ministerial Association be requested to give notice of the time of their meetings at which Licence is given to members of the Theological Seminary; and that it be recommended to the several Associations in the State to send a delegation to such meetings.

Voted, That the Secretaries, with the Rev. Joseph Vaill be a committee to procure, and superintend, the printing of the Minutes.

Adjourned to meet again in the afternoon, at the close of the Annual Meetings of the Maine Missionary, and of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society.

At 6 o'clock P. M. The Conference came to order and adjourned to half past seven.

Wednesday Evening.

Rev. Levi Loring was chosen Moderator *pro tem.* After prayer by Rev. Mr. Murray, the cause of Foreign Missions was presented in an impressive manner by Rev. Mr. Armstrong, one of the Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; and the claims of the American Tract Society were presented by the Rev. William Clark: When on motion of Rev. Mr. Brown, seconded by Rev. S. L. Pomroy,

Resolved, That this Conference approve the resolution of the American Tract Society, passed at their last annual meeting, to endeavor to raise the present year $35,000 for Foreign distribution, and will endeavor to furnish their due proportion of this sum.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Murray, of New Jersey,

Resolved, That the deep interest, manifested by Christians throughout the Union, in the circulation of the Congregational Family Library, and other standard evangelical volumes of the Am. Tr. Society, and the divine blessing which has attended them, afford great encouragement to pastors, churches, and individuals in this state, to supply with these volumes all the accessible families within its limits.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Loring, adjourned to to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday Morning.

Met according to adjournment. Rev. J. Searle led in prayer. A vote of the General Association of Massachusetts was laid before the Conference by the Rev. Dr. Ely, one of their delegates, suggesting the

expediency of a change of the time of the meetings of this Conference. The Maine Missionary Society, which had already fixed the time of their next annual meeting and adjourned, being concerned in this proposition, no less than the Conference, the subject was submitted to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Tappan, Pond and D. Thurston, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Cogswell,

Voted, That the clerks of the churches connected with the General Conference be requested to mention in their statistical returns annually made to this body, the number of young men in their churches under twenty-five years of age.

Rev. Dr. Allen was chosen Treasurer of the Conference, *pro tem.*

At 9 o'clock, the public exercises of the forenoon were commenced with prayer by Rev. D. Thurston. The Report on the state of religion in the churches connected with the General Conference was read by Rev. Chas. Freeman, the Cor. Secretary, and accepted for publication. This was followed by a report on the state religion in New Hampshire, by the Rev. Giles Leach; in Vermont by Rev. S. G. Tenney; in Massachusetts by Rev. Dr. Ely; and in the bounds of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States, by the Rev. Nicholas Murray.

Rev. Mr. Brown from St. Petersburg, then gave an account of the state of religion in the Russian Empire.

THE SABBATH. After the narratives were ended, the following resolutions were introduced by Rev. J. C. Lovejoy, with remarks by himself, Messrs. Pond, Chickering, Vaill, Huntington and Ladd. They were twice laid on the table over adjournments, discussed further in an interesting and solemn manner by Messrs. D. Thurston, J. Boynton, Dea. J. Loring, N. Pierce and others; when they were adopted:

Resolved, That the Sabbath lies at the foundation of religion, morality, public order and private happiness through this land; and that its influence must ever be regarded as among the first and most necessary means of erecting that temple of holiness into which all the families of the earth are ultimately to be gathered.

2. *Resolved*. That in the opinion of this conference it is inconsistent with a due observance of holy time, and with the high influence which the church ought to exert against its prevalent and increasing desecration, for Christians to take passage in a steamboat with the expectation of arriving at any hour, however early, on Sabbath morning.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the laws of this nation, which require the weekly violation of the law of God, and the increasing desecration of this day, *unauthorized* and *legal*, becoming more open, bold and frequent, we, as Christians and patriots, are called upon to make united and vigorous efforts to save the Sabbath, and enforce to the full extent of its meaning the command of God: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Adjourned to half past one o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by the Recording Secretary.

Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Dwight, Greely, Hurd, D. Thurston, Peet, McKeen, Maltby, Ward and Mitchell, were appointed a committee to inquire into the extent of the neglect of Public Worship within the limits of the State, and report at the next meeting of the Conference.

The strictly devotional services of the afternoon were, Prayer by Rev. L. Smith, of Kennebunkport; Conference Sermon by Rev. D. M. Mitchell, Matt. 6: 10. *Thy kingdom come*: followed by the adminis-

tration of the Lord's Supper by Rev. Messrs. Ely, Murray, and Brown.

Adjourned till half past seven o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING.

After prayer by the Moderator, the following resolutions were offered and adopted without remarks:

SLAVERY.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Tappan,

Resolved, That slaveholding as it exists in a portion of these United States is a great sin against God and man, for which the nation ought to humble itself, and for the speedy and entire removal of which, every Christian ought to pray and use all suitable means within his reach.

MORAL REFORM.

On motion of Rev. D. Thurston,

Resolved, That licentiousness is an evil sufficiently prevalent and deadly in its influence in counteracting the gospel and destroying the immortal soul, to arouse the whole community to stay its fearful progress.

SEAMEN.

On motion of the same,

Resolved, That the conversion of seamen to Christ would have an important bearing on the salvation of the heathen, and that their conversion should be sought by the church in more frequent, fervent prayer, and more systematic, vigorous effort.

FAMILY RELIGION.

Rev. J. Sewall, jr. led the Conference in prayer, when the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

As congregational churches are based upon the covenant made with Abraham, and confirmed to his seed for an everlasting covenant, and as this covenant was to be recognized by a seal, which is now baptism, and God blessed him and his seed, because he knew that he would order his house in his fear, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the religious instruction of children in the family is an institution of God, which admits of no substitute, and implies an obligation which no parent can escape.

2. *Resolved*, That the duty of parental instruction, especially of baptized children, should have a prominent place in the preaching of the gospel.

3. *Resolved*, That the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism is an excellent aid to parents in the religious education of their children.

The above resolutions were offered by Rev. C. Freeman, and sustained by himself, and Rev. Messrs. Chickering and Bacon, And these were followed by addresses to children by Rev. Messrs. Badger and Brown, when the meeting of the Conference was dissolved.

Next meeting of the General Conference to be in North-Yarmouth, first Parish, on Tuesday next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1837, at 9 o'clock, A. M. D. SHEPLEY, *Recording Secretary*.

REPORT

On the State of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

THE complaint, which was made at the last annual meeting of the Conference, of the suspension of the renewing and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit, is repeated by the churches now. Here and there however a shower of spiritual influence has descended; and, in the eastern part of the State, a wide region has been watered by the clouds of heaven. Several places in Washington County have been favored with the divine blessing; and in some towns in Penobscot, Hancock and Waldo Counties, the gospel has been made the power of God unto salvation, to many sinners. Beginning at the eastern border of the State, and surveying our whole territory, we find the following towns blessed with revivals of religion,—Calais, Robbinston, Eastport, Machias, Castine, Orrington, Brewer, Bangor, Levant, Foxcroft, Garland, Frankfort, Prospect, Swanville, Belfast, Jackson and Brooks, Camden, Moscow, Poland, Portland, High Street, Westbrook and Eliot. In some other towns there have been tokens of mercy, and a few conversions.

Through the goodness of God a delightful harmony prevails. Questions of the highest importance are before the minds of the disciples of Christ; but they are examined with fraternal feelings. A venerable minister, whose station has made him better acquainted with the religious condition of the State than any other man among us has said, "I do not think there is another place in Christendom, of equal extent, embracing as many ministers and churches, where there is so much unity of interest, so much oneness of feeling, and concentration of effort." To God be the glory and praise given. The Lord of peace himself give us peace always by all means.

The Temperance cause is reported as advancing on the whole, though in some towns a sad decline is mentioned; but there is encouragement in the fact stated, that the pledge of total abstinence from all that intoxicates is very generally adopted by those, who have heretofore advocated temperance principles.

Sabbath Schools are sustained as usual with few exceptions; and, though less feeling is manifested in the support of them, yet this system of religious instruction grows in favor with the people of the State, and is more widely adopted by all denominations. The first church in Bath reports some interesting facts respecting a Bible Class, which has existed there for twelve years past. Its meetings have been held once a fortnight, and have been well attended. There have been connected with this class in all, 309 young persons, though it has not embraced much over 130 at any one time. Of these 309 youth, 95 have become hopefully pious, since they became members, being more than one third of all who were not professors of religion previously to joining it; and making an average of eight persons annually, who, in the judgment of charity, have been brought into the kingdom of Christ from this association. The church manifested a deep interest in the success of this effort; and, for a long time, held a prayer meeting by itself, on the same evening of the meeting of the class, to pray for a blessing on the instructions communicated; and their prayers, it is believed, were not in vain.

The attention of the churches has been awakened with remarkable unanimity to the obligations *of parents* to give religious instruction more thoroughly *at home; and to use,* for the benefit of the whole family, the Assembly's *Shorter Catechism.* Thus God has turned the hearts of the fathers to the children to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

It appears also from different parts of the State that the churches h labored to establish order, and use faithful discipline with their mem

there has been very manifest also a growing interest in sound doctrine, to discover it, hold it, and inculcate it.

More has been done the past year than ever before for the support of religious institutions at home, and the propagation of the gospel abroad. The hearts of the churches enlarge in benevolence. An example of this is afforded by Penobscot County. One church, that reported twenty five dollars a year ago as given to benevolent objects, now reports forty two dollars. Another that reported two hundred and twenty five, can now report one thousand.

One hundred and thirteen thousand dollars have been pledged during the year to the Theological Seminary in Bangor; and yet other objects of Christian benevolence have been sustained. It is a striking and cheering fact to be noticed in this connection, that while the disciples of Christ have with great liberality provided for theological instruction, God has inclined young men in the State beyond former example to desire the work of the ministry, and to offer themselves to be prepared for it.

A greater number of churches than usual have failed to report their additions and removals; and where there has been such a failure the whole number reported last year has been taken as the number in the church at the present time. The churches connected with the General Conference are 188, supplied by 120 pastors or stated preachers. To all the churches 464 have been added by profession, and 214 by letter, in all 678; and 121 have been removed by death, 236 by dismission, and 22 by excommunication, in all 379, leaving a net increase of but 299. The whole number reported is 13,334; but it may be safely estimated that there are rather more than 14000 members connected with the General Conference.

In addition to the 121 pastors or stated preachers reported above, thirty one preachers have been employed the whole or part of the year in the State by the Maine Missionary Society. By the aid of this invaluable institution the churches are strengthened and encouraged; and thus houses of God are built and the worship of the Most High is established in them. Of the twenty one pastors settled during the year, eleven are aided by this Society; and of the ten now under a call, seven are its missionaries. The churches connected with the General Conference are greatly indebted to God for the resources he has granted to this Society, for the ministerial labor which the society has furnished to 147 places in the State, and for the spiritual influence which has attended this labor.

While, in fine, we have occasion to be humbled for our sins, and for our having grieved away in so many cases the Holy Spirit, we have reason for devout thanksgiving to God that our great institutions go forward, our Theological Seminary, our Education Society, our Sabbath Schools, our Temperance Societies, our Missionary Society, and our Associations for giving the Scriptures, and preachers, and school teachers, and tracts, to benighted lands.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

In these tables S. S signifies stated supply. In many instances the total of a church is the number reported a year ago. In the tables of Penobscot Conference the total of the members is the estimation of the reporter of that Conference, and not the sum of the totals of the several churches. In the reports of the Union and the Washington Conference the additions by letter were not distinguished from the additions by profession. The reports of Baptisms are very imperfect; but this item would not be neglected if the importance of the ordinance of Baptism, and particularly of the relation of children to the church were duly appreciated.

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Wh. No.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis	Ex.		
Baldwin & Sebago	Noah Emerson,						23	
Brunswick	G. E. Adams,	9	1	4	5	1	148	
Cape Elizabeth	J. G. Merrill,	3			1	1	48	5
Cumberland	Isaac Weston,	2	1	4	5		182	12
Danville							8	
Durham				2			35	
Falmouth 1st	Anson Sheldon,						103	
Falmouth 2d	J. B. Stevens,				7		43	
Freeport	C. H. Kent,						149	
Gorham	Thad. Pomeroy,	3	3	2	12		192	8
Gray	Calvin White,			1		1	72	8
Harpswell	Wm. Harlow,						26	
Hebron & W. Minot					7		49	
Lewiston Falls	W. B. Adams,	1	9				45	8
Minot Un. Cong.	Elijah Jones,		4	6	2		217	5
New Gloucester		5		2	3		126	
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley,	2	6		5	2	245	
N. Yarmouth 2d	Caleb Hobart,			2			120	
Poland	Thos. Williams,	1	2				56	
Portland 2d	Joseph Vaill,	7	12	12	49		429	13
Portland 3d	W. T. Dwight,	4	8	2	12	3	250	
Portland High-st.	J. W. Chickering,	32	38				195	
Pownal	Perez Chapin,		4	1	4	1	124	4
Raymond							15	
Scarborough	Thos. Jameson,		2		3		106	
Standish		4	2	1			75	
Westbrook 1st				1	1		103	
Westbrook 2	JosephSearle,						76	
Windham					2		47	
20	21	73	92	40	118	9	3307	63

KENNEBEC.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albion	I. E. Wilkins. s. s.						38	
Augusta North		1		2	1		52	
Augusta South	Benj. Tappan,	2		9	3	1	175	
Chesterville	J. Sewall,						70	
Clinton	Prince Hawes,						26	
Farmington	Isaac Rogers,	26	6				136	
Hallowell	Geo. Shepard,	3	3				215	
Litchfield		6	1		6		84	
New Sharon	David Cushman,			2	1		51	
Pittston				5			39	
Sidney							15	
Temple	Simeon Hackett,	6	3				88	
Unity							24	
Vassalborough							91	
Waterville	Thos. Adams, s. s.	7	3				26	
Weld		1			4		84	
Wilton	Samuel Talbot,						22	
Windsor							26	
Winslow	*H. C. Jewett,*		2	1			44	
Winthrop	*David Thurston,*			2	3		160	
20	12	52	18	21	18	1	1466	

" 2d	A. L. Whitman,				
Brownville	H. Richardson,				
Burlington	J. R. Munsell,				
Dexter					
Dixmont	J. N. Whipple,				
Exeter	J. A. Vinton,				
Foxcroft					
Garland					
Guilford					
Hampden	Silas Baker,				
Levant	Robert Page,	26			
Lincoln	J. R. Munsell, s.s.				
Milo					
Monson	John Baker,				
Orono 1st	Wooster Parker,				
" Old Town	J. C. Lovejoy,	1	11		
Orrington	Cyril Pearl,	27	3		
Sangerville	Henry Sewall, s.s.				
Sebec	J. Underwood, s.s.				
Williamsburg	J. Underwood,				
24	17	54	14		

WASHINGTON.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removal	
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.
Calais	Eber Child,	25			
Cooper		1			
Dennysville	Robert Crossett,	3			
East Machias	T. T. Stone,				
Eastport		11			
Lubec					
Machias	S. D. Ward,	7			
Machias Port	Gilman Bacheller,	5			
Perry	H. Lucas, s. s.				
Robbinston		12			

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Anson	Levi Loring, s. s.		6				12	
Bingham		10		1			48	2
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway,		2			1	123	
Cornville		1	1		1		12	
Fairfield							26	
Industry	Alden Boynton,	1			3	1	48	
Kingfield							16	
Madison	Josiah Tucker,	1	1		2		29	3
Mercer	Oren Sikes,		2	2			65	
New Portland							15	
New Vineyard	David Turner,	2					18	
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet,	1		1	3		100	10
Phillips			2				40	4
St. Albans	Nathan Douglass,		2				31	3
Solon	G. W. Fargo,						70	
Strong	William May,	1	3	1	1		117	
16	9	17	19	5	10	2	770	22

UNION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albany					2		62	
Bridgton	Caleb F. Page,	1		1			80	
" North		6					25	
" South	J. P. Fessenden,	2			1		46	
Brownfield							30	
Denmark		1		1			35	
Fryeburg	Carlton Hurd,						237	
Harrison		1					57	
Hiram	J. Gooch, s. s.	3					26	
Lovell		2		2			71	
Otisfield	J. P. Richardson,	4		1	1		109	
Sweden	Eaton Mason,						42	
Waterford	John A. Douglass,				4		183	
13	7	20		5	8		1003	

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Aurora	Sylvester Clapp,						18	
Belfast 1st	Silas McKeen,	19	3		6		107	
Bluehill	J. Fisher,						103	
Brooksville				2	1		22	
Bucksport	Mighill Blood,			1		1	86	
Castine Trin. Ch.		9	2	1	5		72	
Deer Isle	Jona. Adams,						80	
Ellsworth	Sewall Tenney,	8	2	1	1		42	
Frankfort	S. S. Tappan,	7	5				32	
Jackson & Brooks		19	4	1	2		53	
Knox & vicinity	I. E. Wilkins s. s.	2					21	
Mount Desert	M. W. Strickland,						164	
Prospect	S. Thurston.	36	3	1	1	4	199	48
Sedgewick	M. Ellis, s. s.						30	
Sullivan								
Swanville	Geo. Brown, s. s.	22	1				39	
6	12		20	7		5		

LINCOLN.

Churches	Pastors	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th.	Dis.	Ex.		
Alna	Enos Merrill	1		2	4		68	
Bath, North	J. W. Ellingwood	5		2	5		247	
Boothbay	H. A. Merrill, s. s.	1	1	1	3	1	92	
Bremen							24	
Bristol	Dan. Kendrick, s. s.						46	
Camden	N. Chapman						60	
Edgecomb	J. T. Hawes, s. s.	1	1	2	2		152	
New Castle	J. Sewall, Jr.	5			1		84	
Phipsburg	John Boynton	2		2	2		195	
Thomaston	R. Woodhull						113	
Topsham							80	
Union						2	34	
Waldoborough	D. M. Mitchell	2	1	1		1	131	
Warren, 2d	E. F. Cutter	4	1		1		92	
Washington				1	2		26	
Wiscasset	Seneca White		4		12		116	
Woolwich	J. C. Goss			1			58	
17	13	24	8	12	33	4	1588	

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th.	Dis.	Ex.		
Acton								
Alfred	A. W. Fisk,	2	1	3	2		97	4
Berwick							103	
Biddeford 1st	Stephen Merrill,	1		2	2		116	7
" 2d							75	
Buxton	Benj Rice,			2	3		86	
Eliot	Elisha Bacon,	17	6	2	1		122	30
Kennebunk	J. W. Powers,	2	2	2	3		84	5
Kennebunkport	Levi Smith,	3	1	1	7		152	
Kennebunkport North							7	
Kittery							40	
Lebanon	James Weston,		1	1	1		112	
Limerick	Chas. Freeman,		1	2	2		97	
Limington	Ivory Kimball,			2			60	
Lyman	Joseph Long, s. s.						165	
Newfield	D. P. Smith,		3		2		45	
Parsonsfield	J. S. Moreaugh, ss						55	
Saco	Samuel Hopkins,						212	
Sanford							71	
Shapleigh							5	
South Berwick		3	2	3	2		146	
Wells 1st							240	
Wells 2	David Oliphant,		11	2			60	
York 1st							104	
York 2d	Clement Parker,			2			14	
25	15	28	35	24	35		2195	46

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Ch s	Pas.	Additions. Prof.	letter	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Total	Bap.
rland	29	21	73	92	40	118	9	3307	63
k and Waldo	16	11	122	20	7	16	5	1068	48
ee	20	12	52	18	21	18	1	1466	
	18	13	24	8	12	33	4	1588	
	11	7	14	14	7	8	1	693	12
ot	24	17	54	14				1200	
et	16	9	17	19	5	10	2	770	22
	13	7	20		5	8		1003	
gton	16	8	60					644	
	25	15	28	28	28	24		2195	46
0	188	120	464	214	121	236	22	13934	

rs unsettled, or not known to be connected with any County Conference.

ion Adams, Portland, Teacher of Female Seminary; Wm. Allen, D. D., ck, Pres. Bowdoin College; Jonathan Belden, Hallowell; Caleb Bradley, ook; Jonathan Calef, Lyman; James Carruthers; Noah Cressey; Asa igs, Portland, Editor of Christian Mirror; E. Gillet, D. D. Hallowell, Is. Jackson; George C. Hyde, Readfield; Elijah Kellogg, Portland; Jo. ring; Wm. Miltimore, Falmouth; Ray Palmer, Bath; Freeman Parker, et; Enoch Pond, D. D. Bangor, Professor in Theo. Seminary; John Saw. land; Amasa Smith, Cumberland; Charles Soule; Herman Stinson; Seth r, Gardiner; Thomas Tenney, Gorham.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY CONFERENCES.

lays of the meetings of the Conferences are ascertained from notices pub. the Mirror, and not in all cases from the constitutions of the Conferences. therefore insert here only the date of the last meeting, or of the next meet. held. It is requested that the Clerks in publishing their notices in the give the designations of their days of meeting as contained in their Consti. This is a matter of some importance, as mistakes may be prevented. A paper gave notice that the General Conference of Maine would meet this the fourth Tuesday of June; but the day of meeting was in fact the third y, that being the Tuesday before the fourth Wednesday. Such a mistake r prevented a number of foreign delegates from arriving at the General nce, though on their way, making an error of a week.

ferences.	An. Meeting.	Semi An. Meeting.
land,	June Tues. prg 2d Wed. 10 A M	Jan. Tues. prec'dg 2d Wed.
k and Waldo,	June 1st Tues. 2 P. M.	Nov. 1st Tues. 1 P. M.
ee,	Sept. 18 & 11th Tues. 10 A. M.	
	Aug. 3d Tuesday,	
	May 31st Tues. 10 A. M.	Jan. 19th Tues. 10, A. M.
ot,	June 7, Tues. 9 A. M.	Jan. 3d Tues. 10 A. M.
et,	June 14, Tues. 10 A. M.	
	June Tues. prg 3d Wed. 9 A M	Dec. Tues. pre'dg 4th Wed.
gton,	June 1st Wed. 8 A. M.	
	June Tues. before 1st Wed.	Oct. 1st Tues. 10 A. M.

AINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

ALLEN GREELY, *President.* Rev. E. GILLET, D. D. *Vice Presi.* Rev. CHARLES FREEMAN, *Secretary.* Rev. DAVID THURSTON, er. Rev. Benjamin Tappan, William Ladd, Esq. Rev. T. Pomeroy, s. Cummings, Rev. John W. Ellingwood, Rev. Joseph Vaill, Rev. M. Mitchell, *Trustees.*

al Meeting, Tuesday Evening before the Meeting of the Maine Mis. Society. First Preacher, Rev. Caleb Bradley; Second, Rev. Swan roy. The object of this Society is to relieve the indigent widows ldren of deceased Congregational ministers. Any person may be. member of the Society by paying to the Treasurer twenty dollars at e; and all the Congregational ministers of Maine for the time being members of this Society.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN NORTH-YARMOUTH,

JUNE 27, 1837.

PORTLAND:
MERRILL AND BYRAM.
1837.

[redacted]

MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine, assembled at North-Yarmouth, the Meeting-house of the First Parish, on Tuesday, June 27th, 1837, 9 o'clock, A. M. Present as members, the following Delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

York.	Rev. David Oliphant, " Samuel Hopkins, " Stephen Merrill, Dea. Joseph Gilman, Bro. David Hall, " Jacob Mitchell.
Cumberland.	Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, " Perez Chapin, " Isaac Weston, Dea. Woodbury Storer, Bro. E. P. Burbank, " David Dunlap.
Kennebec.	Rev. Joseph Underwood, " Geo. C. Hyde, " Benj. Tappan.
Oxford.	Rev. Charles Frost, Bro. Giles Shurtliff.
Penobscot.	Rev. Robert Page.
Lincoln.	Rev. E. F. Cutter, Bro. Eben Hilton.
Somerset.	Rev. Josiah Tucker, " N. W. Douglass, Bro. James Hills.
Hancock & Waldo	Rev. Mighill Blood, " Silas McKeen.
Washington.	Rev. Thomas T. Stone, " Wm. Davenport.
Union.	Rev. C. F. Page, " Rev. J. P. Richardson, Bro. Stephen Chase.

Members *ex officiis*.

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, *Moderator*. Rev. Charles Freeman, *Cor. Secretary*. Rev. D. Shepley and Rev. A. Cummings, *Rec. Secretaries*. Silas McKeen, Swan L. Pomroy, Allen Greeley, David Thurston, John Maltby, S. D. Ward, Josiah Peet, D. M. Mitchell, Carleton Hurd, George Shepard, Wm. Ladd, Enoch Pond, Enos Merrill, D. P. Smith, G. E. Adams, J. Walker, and S. Thurston, *members of Committees*.

Delegates from General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Alvan Cobb, and Rev. Sewall Harding. Delegate from General Convention of Vermont, Rev. Josiah Morse. Delegate from Evan. Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Orin Fowler.

The Rev. Samuel Johnson, Moderator, having since the last meeting deceased, the meeting was called to order by the Rec. Secretary, when Rev. J. W. Ellingwood was elected Moderator, for the next ensuing term of three years, and took the Chair.

The Conference was opened by singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

Ordained Ministers present, not members of the Conference, were invited to sit as honorary members, and take part in the deliberations of the meeting.

Rev. Messrs. Shepley, Dwight, and G. E. Adams, were appointed a committee of arrangements; and Rev. Messrs. Tappan, Weston, and Greeley, a committee of nominations.

The Recording Secretary being necessarily occupied by his duties on the committee of arrangements, Rev. A. Cummings was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Dea. G. Hyde was chosen to audit the Treasurer's Report, which was afterwards presented and accepted by the Conference.

The Delegates from this Conference to other religious bodies were called upon for their reports. Such as were present, and had fulfilled their appointments, reported in brief, and all testified to the cordial manner in which they had been received.

The Committee of Arrangements reported that the business sessions of the Conference commence at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the meetings for public religious exercises at 9 o'clock; that the intermissions extend from 12 M. to 2 P. M.; and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M. This arrangement was adopted, as were also other specific exercises reported from time to time by the same Committee.

A season was spent in devotional exercises. Prayer by Rev. Elijah Kellogg.

At 11 o'clock, a Sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Shepard, of Bangor, from Zech. 4: 6. *Not by might, nor by power; but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.* Prayer, before sermon, by Rev. John Maltby, of Bangor.

Resumed business. Rev. Mr. Cobb, one of the Delegates from Massachusetts, was, at his own request, excused from attendance, after this day.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Devotional exercises, singing, prayers, by Rev. Thomas Williams and J. R. Munsell; and exhortations by Rev. Messrs. Blood, Hopkins, Vaill, Harding and Hand, occupied the first two hours of the session.

Seamen. Highly interesting statements were made respecting the number, condition, wants, and influence of seamen, by Rev. C. M. Brown, preacher in the Mariner's Church, Portland, and Rev. J. Greenleaf, Secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society, New York, in support of the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the too prevalent neglect of the spiritual interest of Seamen,—our obligations to them in view of their perils by which our country is enriched,—the success which has already attended religious efforts in

their behalf,—and above all the important relation they sustain to the prosperity of the Church, justly demand *still greater efforts*, to secure the fulfilment of the promise, that the abundance of the sea shall be converted.

Resolved, That among the means provided for the religious good of seamen, the Mariners' Church in Portland—which is resorted to by seamen from all parts of the state, and indeed of our country, and other portions of the world—has paramount claims upon the charitable aid of the good people of Maine.

BIBLE CAUSE. The Rev. J. C. Brigham, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, presented a view of the state of that Institution, showing that its Treasury is empty, and that funds are greatly wanted, both for Domestic and Foreign distribution of the Scriptures. After Mr. B's statement, the Rev. S. Hopkins proposed the following resolution which passed:

Resolved, That it be recommended to those connected with the Aux'y Bible Societies within the bounds of this Conference, to take early measures for the payment of debts due to the Parent Society for books, and also to aid by contribution towards the circulation of the Scriptures in our new settlements and in foreign lands.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional Exercises, singing, prayer, and exhortation, were attended at 5 o'clock,—conducted by Rev. Messrs. J. Sewall, sen., Lane, C. F. Page, Storrs, D. Thurston, and Vaill.

At 8 o'clock, Conference resumed business, after prayer by Rev. Enos Merrill.

Change of Time for the Annual Meeting. Rev. Benj. Tappan, from a Committee appointed the last year to consider a request of the General Association of Massachusetts, that this Conference would alter the time of their annual meeting to a later week, with a view to facilitate intercourse—the meetings of the two bodies now occurring simultaneously—reported,

That they had carefully considered the subject, and that the change would be attended with serious inconveniences, such as would far outweigh the advantages; and recommended that no change be made. Report adopted.

BANGOR SEMINARY.

The Rev. Robert Page, from the Committee of Conference to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, reported at length, and the Report was accepted.

[The Report commenced with stating that only a small part of the Committee attended to the duties of their appointment, and urged the importance of having the number appointed and the number in attendance correspond. The document next proceeds to the pecuniary condition of the Seminary:]

As to its pecuniary wants, it were not strange if many should have judged erroneously. The effort of 1835 met with unexampled success. The promptness, and, we had almost said, the enthusiasm with which the call for $100,000 was met, and even exceeded, would very naturally leave the minds of its friends at rest in the delightful conviction, that now the institution can go forward, unembarrassed, to the completion of its largest plans. Yet the fact is, that during the year which closed at the last Anniversary, it had been able to appropriate less than $4,000 above the necessary expenses, and taking up of outstanding notes. And on the first of May, of the present year, it had received in all, of the $100,000 subscription, including the period up to the last Anniversary, less than $9,000. In this state of the

funds the Trustees have not been able to erect needed dwellings for the Professors, nor to proceed as far as they have without obtaining loans.—Five thousand dollars are now needed to pay the salaries of Professors, and other demands, and enable the Institution to proceed unembarrassed in its operations.

There is need then of diligent and earnest attention to the pecuniary wants of the Seminary, And this need is the greater, as, on account of the many failures in business, and the peculiar "pressure" of the times, the receipts from the subscriptions must unavoidably, to some considerable amount, be cut off.

[The Committee next dwell with warm interest on the desirableness of a great increase of Students, and of the duty of the friends of the Institution in regard to this matter; and then proceed to speak of "things which afford gratification and encouragement."]

The *Library* has been increased by from eight to ten hundred volumes within the year. More than four hundred of these were a donation from an individual; the remainder were purchased. The whole number now is between five and six thousand volumes. A good proportion of these are large and valuable works.

The principal Seminary building has been finished, and the rooms of the Students mostly furnished. A new Commons house—if not *too spacious*, at least sufficiently so, has been erected and completed during the year, at an expense of nearly $6,000. And in this connexion we would remark, that the whole amount of property belonging to the Institution, at the time of the last anniversary, was, in real estate, buildings, library, &c. about $34,000; and in notes and subscriptions about $135,000:—in all nearly $170,000.

The Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric and Ecclesiastical History has been filled; and filled by one who is well and favorably known to the churches in the State, and in whom, it is presumed, they put great confidence.

In addition to the books of the library, the Students have access to a large proportion of the most valuable periodicals and papers of the day.

In the regular course of instruction in the Seminary, there is great freedom of opinion and discussion. All desirable independence of mind is encouraged.—This is a point we consider of great importance, as we do not view it to be safe to yield implicit assent to any man's opinion; nor do we think even real truth, forced into a servile mind, of any use. And the Students give evidence of thinking for themselves. The manner of teaching is favorable to independent thought, and to maturity of mind. The Professor of Theology is accustomed to meet the class, in the first place, for free discussion of the subject proposed. This exercise presents topics of thought, and opens the way for investigation and study. Some days after this, he meets them again to hear the written dissertation of each—each one being required to write—on the given subject. This method has, we think, some peculiar advantages for understanding the subjects which come successively before the class.

And we believe this free, unembarrassed discussion is a characteristic feature in every department of instruction in this Seminary. The Professors are free, accessible men, and their intercourse with the Students is marked by fraternal familiarity, as well as by paternal watchfulness and fidelity.

[The Report then treats of the Annual examination, expresses approbation of the manner in which the Students acquitted themselves, but complains that the time is too much restricted, to allow of a minute and protracted examination in all departments. It presents the condition of the Classical Institute connected with the Seminary, and concludes as follows:]

The Committee were instructed by the Conference to inquire whether a closer connexion can be effected between the Seminary and this Conference.

They have attended to their duty in this respect, and have only to report on this subject the subjoined vote of the Trustees.

Voted, That the Maine General Conference of Congregational Churches be respectfully requested to appoint a Committee, annually, of such number as they shall think proper, to visit the Seminary at its anniversary—and that the Trustees furnish said committee with such information respecting the affairs of the Institution as may be desired.

Attest, J. MALTBY,
Secretary of the Board, pro temprore.

Theological Seminary, Bangor, Sept. 1, 1836.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

R. PAGE.

North Yarmouth, June 27th, 1837.

Delegates to other Bodies—Visiting Committee—Preachers—Place of Meeting. The Committee of nominations reported the following names of persons, to be appointed to the services specified below; and they were appointed accordingly:

DELEGATES

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. David Oliphant,
Rev. G. W. Hathaway.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Caleb Hobart,
Rev. Joseph C. Lovejoy.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Wm. T. Dwight,
Rev. Joseph B. Stevens.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. J. Maltby,
Rev. Enos Merrill.

To the General Association of New-Hampshire.

Rev. Levi Smith,
Rev. Robert Page.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Joseph Vaill,
Rev. Jacob C. Goss.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Josiah Peet,
Rev. Samuel Hopkins.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Silas McKeen,
Rev. Sewall Tenney.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Asa Cummings.

SUBSTITUTE.

Rev. Ray Palmer.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary, at Bangor.

York,	Rev. Benjamin Rice,
Cumberland,	Rev. John W. Chickering,
Lincoln,	Bro. Isaac G. Read,
Kennebec,	Bro. Williams Emmons,
Oxford,	Rev. Charles Soule,
Somerset,	Bro. Calvin Selden,
Hancock & Waldo,	Rev. S. S. Tappan,
Penobscot,	Bro. Philip Coombs,
Washington,	Rev. Stephen D. Ward.

Preacher for next meeting. Rev. Silas McKeen. Substitute, Rev. Professor Pond.

General Concert of Prayer. The following resolution was introduced by the Committee of Arrangements, and adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches, connected with this General Conference throughout the whole state, to set apart annually some part of the Friday next preceding the annual meeting of the Conference, as a season of special prayer for the blessing of God on the meetings of the Conference, and the place in which it is to be convened.

Foreign Missions. On motion of Rev. B. Tappan, the following brethren were appointed a Committee to confer together with a view to make some arrangements to facilitate operations in favor of Foreign Missions in the several Counties, viz: Rev. Messrs. G. E. Adams, B. Tappan, J. Maltby, T. T. Stone, J. Walker, Josiah Peet, J. P. Richardson, S. Thurston, E. Merrill, and A. W. Fisk. The following is the report of that committee, subsequently presented:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of recommending to the County Conferences a new arrangement of their Annual meetings, particularly with a view to their occurrence in consecutive order, convenient for visits from Agents of benevolent Societies, and other brethren from abroad who may wish to attend the Conferences in course, respectively Report:

That upon examining the subject before them, they are unable to devise at present any new arrangement of the Annual meetings of the Conferences, not liable to very serious objections: they therefore recommend no change.

There is, however, one principle in relation to our benevolent operations, the adoption of which would, in the opinion of the Committee, greatly facilitate the labors of agents, and secure many important advantages; viz: the assignment of particular portions of the year, throughout the State, to particular objects. This plan, not to mention other benefits, would remove all collision between the agents for different objects, enable agents to accomplish their purposes in a much less time, and consequently at a much less expense, and indeed in many cases do away the necessity of agencies altogether. The Committee therefore recommend the following resolutions:

1. That we consider it highly important, if not absolutely indispensable, to the faithful performance of the duty devolving upon Christian churches in relation to the benevolent enterprises of the day, that stated times be appropriated for specific objects.

2. That without assuming to dictate to the churches, or to interfere with arrangements of their own, which they may consider preferable, and without wishing to exclude other objects of attention in which the churches may be

s recommend that the months of January and February in each
priated to the cause of Foreign Missions, March and April to
se, May and June to the Maine Missionary Society, July and
e Bible cause, September and October to the Education Society,
er and December to the cause of Seamen, or any other object
e preferred.

he hours of 9 and 10, A. M. the Conference adjourned to
the Maine Missionary Society, and the Maine Branch of
n Education Society, to whose interests the remainder of
devoted.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ng was employed in public worship. Prayer was offered
Morse, from Vermont; and a Sermon, on the love which
ar to the church, was preached by the Rev. Oren Fowler,
Island.

THURSDAY MORNING.

r-meeting, at 5 o'clock, was thronged by a very numerous
altogether unexampled for so early an hour; and was
ceedingly interesting by the statements of what God
that place in former years,—made by Rev. E. Bacon, Dr.
. D. M. Mitchell, and others, who had spent their youth in
outh. These brethren spoke from full hearts of the time
espousals to Christ; of intercessions offered for them, and
ars employed with them, day and night, by fathers in the
had now fallen asleep. Such intercession, such faithful-
nportunity of persuasion, they thought, they had never
sed.

At 8 o'clock, the business transactions of the Conference
d. After prayer by Rev. C. Hobart, Mr. Ladd addressed
on the subject of peace, and presented the following reso-
ch were adopted:

That we have great reason to thank God and take courage in
reat success which has attended the cause of Peace during the

That this Conference recommend, that ministers should con-
ch, Christians to pray, and all to contribute in favor of the
nanent and universal peace.

L TRACTS. The Rev. Sewall Harding, Corresponding
the American Doctrinal Tract Society, communicated in-
pecting the object of that Society—the number, character,
of its publications, &c. After which, on motion of Rev.
n, the Conference adopted the following resolution:

That we regard the faithful exhibition of the great and essen-
of the gospel, as inseparably connected with the spread of
nd pure morality; and that we, therefore, highly approve of
efforts of the American Doctrinal Tract Society, and we
mend the general distribution of their Tracts among the
families within our limits.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. Rev. Stephen S. Smith ap-
alf of this institution, and its claims to assistance in fur-
for the less instructed portions of the community, and in
e Society's publications against objections which had been
. He offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the American Sunday S. Union, in its benevolent labors to furnish a safe and judicious Christian Literature for the youth of our land, and especially to supply destitute places in our country with the benefits of Sabbath School instruction, deserves a warm place in the affections and benefactions of the churches in this State.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. An hour was then devoted to the consideration of this subject, commencing with prayer by Rev. Seth Sweetser. Rev. Mr. Hand, agent of the Board made a statement of what the Board had done, and of its present condition and prospects, and of the certainty of a curtailment of its important and successful labors and expenditures, unless the community should aid with a liberality, not exhibited hitherto. When Mr. Hand had concluded, the following resolutions were adopted, after very appropriate remarks by the gentlemen who moved and sustained them.

On motion of Rev. John Maltby, seconded by Rev. Ansel Nash—

Resolved, That in view of the present condition of the Foreign missionary enterprise, our congregations are earnestly called upon to enlarge their contributions to this object.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Chickering, seconded by Rev. O. Fowler—

Resolved, That in view of the relation which the church sustains to her missionaries, and her dependance on the Holy Spirit for all hope of their success, the monthly concert of prayer ought to awaken and receive a more earnest attention from all who love the cause of missions.

On motion of Rev. R. S. Storrs—

Resolved, That though the triumphs of the church on heathen ground be gradual and invisible, they are resistless, and shall be universal.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The narratives on the state of Religion were preceded by singing and prayer, in which Rev. John Boynton led. Rev. Charles Freeman, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference, made a Report on the state of Religion within its bounds; Rev. Mr. Morse presented the state of the churches in Vermont; Rev. Mr. Harding, of those in Massachusetts, and Rev. Mr. Fowler, of those in Rhode-Island. These reports were followed by practical exhortations from Rev. Messrs. Palmer and McKeen; and the religious exercises of the morning were closed with singing and prayer, by Rev. G. W. Hathaway.

PUBLIC WORSHIP. The Committee, appointed to inquire as to the proportion of the population, who habitually attend public worship, made a report, from the few data which had been submitted to them; upon which it was

Voted, That the Report be recommitted to the same Committee, with instructions to inquire further into the extent of the neglect of public worship in this State; the causes of this neglect, its influence, and the means of correcting the evil; and report to the Conference at the next annual meeting.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. the closing religious exercises of the Conference commenced with singing. Prayer was offered by the Assistant Secretary. The Sermon was preached by Rev. Swan L. Pomroy, from 1 John 4: 8, *God is love*,—followed by a collection. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a very large number of communicants by Rev. Messrs. G. E. Adams, and Dr. Storrs.

he vast concourse had been dismissed with a blessing, the Con-
xpressed their thanks, by vote, to the citizens of North-Yar-
r their hospitality; and especially to the Choir of Singers for
uable assistance in the public devotions, constantly rendered
ll the sessions,—when the meeting was dissolved.
xt meeting of the General Conference is to be in Saco, on
next preceding the fourth Wednesday in June, 1838, at 9
. M. D. SHEPLEY, *Recording Secretary.*
MINGS, *Assistant Secretary.*

REPORT

tate of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

s twelfth annual meeting of the Conference, there are reported
cted with it ten Conferences, embracing one hundred and eigh-
hurches, supplied by one hundred and twenty three pastors.
n to these pastors, there are 25 ministers connected with our
, without pastoral charge. There have been added to the
by profession 531; by letter 341. And there have been re-
death 168; by dismission 316; and by excommunication 48.
le number is 15,191. Baptized 619.
averting influences of the Holy Spirit have not been abund-
ensed to the churches; yet a few places, refreshed by gentle
watered by copious showers, attest the presence and power of
e Agent. The places most favored are Calais, Machias,
t, Orono, Bangor, Frankfort, Belfast, Camden, Waldoboro,'
, Topsham, Gardiner, Hallowell, Winslow, Bingham, Poland
h-Yarmouth.
gton Conference is now composed of fifteen churches. There
r three other small churches in the County, that will soon prob-
with the Conference. During the past year this County has
er supplied with preaching than during any previous year.
stars have been settled, Rev. Wm. Davenport at Perry, and
. Stickney at Eastport. Rev. James Thompson has preach-
broke and Cooper; and there is a prospect of his permanent
t. Rev. Isaac Carlton has preached in Lubec and Whiting;
oped that he will be retained. Rev. Jotham Sewall, the ven-
ber in our churches, has spent a considerable time in the Coun-
the year; and the assistance of one or two of the theological
of Bangor Seminary has been enjoyed for a few weeks. Thus
Head of the church has caused much good seed to be sown,
hope, is taking root, and will eventually, if not immediately,
h much fruit to his glory. The cause of religion is hoped to
on the advance, though there have been no interesting re-
ecord. "Although," adds the Clerk of the Conference, "our
complain of a low state of religious feeling, yet we have oc-
thank God and take courage."
part from *Hancock and Waldo* says, the Hancock and Waldo

Conference embraces seventeen churches situated about the mouth of the Penobscot; and of these, ten have now settled pastors; four have as many ministers officiating as pastors not settled; and one, the church in Jackson and Brooks, has given a call to Mr. Luther Wiswall to become their pastor, and it is expected that he will very soon be ordained to that office. The three other churches have no constant preaching; and one of them, that in Sullivan has for so many years been nearly deprived of the bread and water of life that she is now apparently even dying by starvation, and that too, while many of her more favored sisters have bread enough, and more than they know how to value. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. In twenty-nine towns, included within the limits of these two Counties, containing a population of many thousands, there are no churches or ministers of our denomination; and there must be a very great lack of evangelical preaching of any sort. But infidel publications, it is believed, are widely circulated through these waste places in Zion. There is urgent need that we and our brethren of other denominations, who are laboring to convert souls to God, should be more abundant in our labors, and that many others, who have minds for such a work should come to us from abroad. There is good encouragement here to work for God. During the past year Waldo County has been re-supplied with Bibles; at least, the work has been finished; and many Tracts have been distributed. Protracted meetings have been held in various towns on both sides the great river; and God has on some of them poured out his Spirit, and gathered many into his kingdom. The pastor of the church in Camden says, the last year has been with us emphatically a year of the right hand of the Most High. The revival has been of a highly interesting character, and most happy in its effects. The first Sabbath in August (1836) was a day of deep and solemn interest, and long to be remembered by this church. On that day fifty-six persons were received as members; and still continue steadfast in the faith. During the year the church has been more than doubled. The praise and glory we would distinctly ascribe to the rich, sovereign, undeserved grace of God. In Frankfort, where the church had become almost extinct, there has been, within a year or two past, a very great change for the better. It is continually progressing. Every one acquainted with the circumstances may well exclaim, Behold, what God hath wrought! Upon Bucksport, chilled almost to insensibility by the cold dews of a long and dreary night, the Sun of Righteousness has at length risen, and the people of God have rejoiced, and are rejoicing in his light. Sinners, too, have seen the error of their ways; and, influenced by the Spirit of the Lord, have consecrated themselves to his service. On the first of this month nineteen hopeful converts had been received into the church; and eight others were propounded. When the enemy was coming in like a flood, saying to sinners, Ye shall not surely die, the Spirit of the Lord lifted up a standard against him. To his blessed name be the glory. The little church in Brooksville, consisting of but twenty-five members, without any pastor, or missionary aid, by fasting and prayer and various faithful efforts, assisted by the labors of some of their Christian friends from abroad during a protracted meeting, have obtained a rich blessing from God. About thirty are thought by the church to give satisfactory evidence of genuine conversion. The greater part of them are young people, there being but two in the whole, over twenty-one years of age. About two thirds of them being lads or young men, it may be expected

that God is designing to raise up in that retired place some heralds of his everlasting gospel. On the whole the churches in Hancock and Waldo Conference have received great encouragement to pray and labor faithfully for God. His blessing, in various instances, beside those which have been specified, has manifestly attended the labors of his servants, and has made them successful in winning souls to himself. And to his matchless name they would now and ever more ascribe the entire glory.

In the *Penobscot Conference*, three churches, Dixmont, Exeter and Orrington, have been called to dismiss their pastors, while there has been no settlement of one in the Conference. In Bangor, in the early part of the spring there was an increased interest with regard to the salvation of souls, when about thirty or forty individuals are supposed, in the estimation of Christian charity to have passed from death to life. In Hammond-Street church, during the latter part of last year there was a gradual increase of interest. The church in Dixmont has experienced trials. Doctrines contrary to the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ crept into the church, giving occasion for discipline, and producing alienation and discord, which led to the dismission of their pastor. In Orono, from October last, there was an interesting state of religious feeling in the church, which continued through the winter. In January the gentle reviving of the gracious Spirit was experienced in awakening some of the impenitent; as a result of which, twelve or more indulged hope in the pardoning mercy of God. The general interests of religion and morality, it is hoped, are gaining strength. Owing to the unwonted "pressure," the cause of benevolence has received but a stinted portion from the churches of this Conference, compared with the liberality of other years. In only two of the churches, (first in Bangor and first in Orono) has there been any special reviving.

In *Lincoln Conference*, the feeble churches are waxing feebler still; and some of them are quite discouraged. In a few places some special attention to religion has existed. The church in Bristol reports twelve, as having expressed a hope during the latter part of last summer. Manifest tokens of the Lord's gracious presence have existed in Thomaston. The church has been quickened; and several cases of hopeful conversion have taken place. As the result of this nine are reported as standing propounded to join the church; others have joined the Baptist and Methodist churches, and several others, who entertain a hope in Christ, have not made a profession. The work was feared to be declining. The church in Waldoboro' has been most extensively blessed of any in the Conference. The report from that place says, "The second week in January we commenced a series of meetings for the purpose of awakening an interest on the subject of religion. The effort was blessed to the quickening of the church, and to the awakening of sinners. Thirty-five or forty attended the inquiry meeting near the close of these services, a majority of whom have since indulged a trembling hope in the mercy of God. Others have subsequently been awakened, and hopefully converted; making in all more than thirty, who express a hope. Many more are in an anxious state of mind, some apparently not far from the kingdom of heaven, and others making so little progress as to excite serious apprehension that they will grieve the Spirit, and relapse into a state of stupidity. In the early part of May the work seemed to be at a stand; and we invited two of our brethren in the ministry to come, and spend a week with us. This meeting gave a

new impulse to the work; and the revival is still in progress, with apparently as much interest as at any time since its commencement. The third church in Bath reports a few cases of hopeful conversion during the year. It is estimated that one fifth only of the population in the County attend public worship in any denomination. Says the Report, while we bless God for any manifestations of his favor, we are pained to say, that the year has been one of spiritual drought. Brethren, pray for us. With four fifths of our population estranged from the sanctuary of God—with many careless listeners among those, who do attend, and with only seven young men reported as in a course of preparation for the ministry, and with but few youth of either sex in our churches, we greatly need a revival of religion.

Kennebec Conference reported, at its last meeting in September, that in none of the sixteen churches which made returns to that meeting had there been any special attention to religion. Recent reports from some churches have been made. Augusta South church reports, that some special interest was awakened at the time of the annual meeting of the General Conference; and two or three instances occurred of hopeful conversion; but the interest soon subsided; and, for the most part since, the wise and the foolish have slumbered together. Iniquity has greatly abounded; and most of the friends of Zion have been so much absorbed in worldly cares and pursuits, that they have found but little time, and less inclination to pray and labor for the advancement of true religion. In Gardiner, a house of worship has been built and dedicated and a pastor ordained over the church and society. During the winter an unusual degree of seriousness has prevailed; and a number of individuals, it is hoped, will soon unite with the church, as the fruits of God's goodness in granting the influences of his Spirit with the means of grace. In Hallowell, God has shed down his Spirit; and during the last winter, upwards of forty expressed a hope that they had found a Saviour. In Waterville, a meeting house has been completed and dedicated to the service of God; and a pastor has been installed. The congregation gradually increases. During the spring, says the report, we were favored with very evident manifestations of the presence of the Spirit of God. A general seriousness pervaded the congregation; and several, as we trust, were savingly renewed. A few are expected soon to offer themselves to the communion of the church. In Wilton an increased number attend upon the ordinances of the gospel with increased seriousness. The state of religion is however low, and the ways of Zion mourn because few come to her solemn feasts. In Winslow, it is reported that they have cause to bless God's name for the conversion of souls. In Winthrop, the state of religion is rather encouraging. Meetings are well attended; and there is some desire of a revival. The pastor's place is supplied while he is engaged in the cause of the enslaved.

In *Somerset Conference*, Christians have sighed, with other parts of the State, in view of the absence of the Spirit's influences, and of the appropriate effects of the gospel, and of its ordinances. While the year has been one of peculiar embarrassment and perplexity in temporal things; it has also been a season of declension and languor in spiritual things. During the year, one church, that in Athens, has been organized, making the whole number connected with the Conference seventeen. Eight of these are without a pastor. Four have no stated preaching. Eight have stated preaching a part of the time only; and

only three have the labors of a pastor the whole time. The churches are small and feeble, and are thereby experiencing leanness in gospel privileges, and, what is more to be deplored, leanness in the appropriate effects of gospel ordinances and of the effusions of the Divine Spirit. There is, however, one exception to this general representation. The church in Bingham has experienced a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. They have enjoyed a pleasing revival of three months' continuance, which commenced with a protracted meeting, held on the first of November last. This meeting was in connection with the dedication of a new meeting house, which they, and other denominations had united in building. As a result of this revival, about thirty souls have been hopefully brought into union with the Saviour. Of these, sixteen have already united with the church; and others are expected to unite soon. The face of society here is materially changed for the better. This church, which, for nearly thirty years, has been as sheep without a shepherd, having no suitable place for worship, and none to break to them the bread of life, have now a commodious meeting house at their disposal about half the time; and a minister settled over them. In two or three other churches there has been some quickening of members; and there have been some conversions among their children; but in general the state of religion is so low as to furnish cause for humiliation and lamentation.

Oxford Conference reports that the state of religion is low—that in no place is there any thing like a revival of religion in progress, though in a few places there are some encouraging appearances; and some hopes are entertained that God is about to revive his work in this part of his heritage. In Norway, the cause of temperance has made some progress. Within a few months about 150 persons have signed the pledge to abstain wholly from the use of all intoxicating drinks, some of them, adds the report, our most substantial farmers, and extensive apple-growers and cider-makers.

The *Union Conference* embraces thirteen churches in Cumberland and Oxford Counties. No one of these churches reports a revival during the year; and instances of conversion have been very rare. Seven of the churches enjoy the stated means of grace every Sabbath; two every other Sabbath; and we have reason to hope that all the rest with one exception will be speedily supplied with the means of grace. Nine new meeting houses have been built for these churches within a few years past. Attendance on public worship has increased; and more effort has been made for the support of religious ordinances. The cause of temperance makes progress; and Sabbath Schools are flourishing.

In the progress of our review of the State from east to west we now survey

Cumberland Conference, the largest in the State, and on some accounts peculiarly important. Here, as elsewhere, Christians lament that religion does not flourish more. Says the Report, we would not despise the day of small things; and much there is to call forth our gratitude, pertaining to our churches during the last year—and yet we are constrained to take up a deep lamentation over the worldliness, the forgetfulness of God, and of souls, and the consequent leanness, which, to so great an extent has pervaded our Zion during the last twelve months. In Gray the cause of temperance has greatly advanced for a year or two past. Where, two years ago, there were ten or twelve stores that sold ardent spirits, there is now none. Of North-Yarmouth, 1st church,

the pastor reports that the Sabbath school is larger than in previous seasons; that several connected with it have been hopefully made the subjects of renewing grace, and that others are more or less impressed with a sense of their guilt and danger. The teachers, it is believed, have labored with more of the spirit of prayer, and, of course, with more efficiency, than usual. For a few weeks past the number and the solemnity of the congregation has been increased; and a goodly number from among the youth, have been heard inquiring the way of life; and, in the judgment of charity have found the Saviour. The happy religious interest now enjoyed was first developed in the Academy. The church in Poland has recently been visited with the influences of the Divine Spirit. The work commenced more than a year ago, and continued gradually to extend its happy influence, through the last spring and summer; and its fruits are reported as having been most happy. No case of apostacy has occurred. The young converts have had a mind to work in God's vineyard. Vain amusements have become tasteless. Intemperance has shrunk away; and self-righteousness has been abashed. The Sabbath has been rising in the affections of the people; and the house of God has been visited with increased numbers and interest. In Portland second church, during the last winter there was more than usual interest manifested in the subject of religion. A number of members of the church were awaked, and much prayer was offered for the descent of the Holy Ghost. The interest, which manifested itself previous to the meeting of the Cumberland Conference, which was held with this church, was apparently increased at that time, and immediately subsequent to the meeting. But, though the hopes of the church have not been fully realized, God has given them cause of gratitude and encouragement. From fifteen to twenty, it is charitably hoped, have passed from death to life, some of whom have already made a profession of their faith.

York Conference, includes twenty-four churches. Alfred reports that a few hopeful conversions have occurred; Biddeford, 1st church that the state of religion is far from what it should be; but that some dying graces have been quickened of late. The little church of five members in the north part of Kennebunk-Port reports, there has been no addition to our little church, but we have had one death of a dear and affectionate brother, on whom we leaned to support our prayer meeting. We feel that the Lord is good in sending his servants from time to time, to strengthen the few things that remain. Our spirits have been refreshed of late. We have had much preaching and exhibition of truth within three weeks; and the visit from the committee of York Conference was specially attended with a blessing to the church; and we hope and believe to others. Within the year, Lebanon has experienced some degree of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Some of the members of the church awaked to duty; and there have been several hopeful conversions. In Limerick, the meeting of the York Conference in October last, appeared to have a good influence. A series of meetings held in the evenings of the week of the State Fast, and on that day also, in connection with the Baptist Society, was a very agreeable season, and productive of good. In Newfield, there was some religious interest last autumn; and a few were brought into the church. The reports of the committees of visitation were, with few exceptions, that the churches were in a good state, and were rising.

The returns of young men in the churches under twenty-five years

of age have been very imperfect; but, from those made by the Union and Lincoln Conference, it would appear that there are 249 young men in the churches under twenty-five years of age, and that 62 of these have the ministry in view. From such a number, in a course of preparation for the ministry, only about eight yearly could be expected to enter the ministry to supply our own churches, other destitute parts of our country, and the heathen world. From some towns it is reported that one fifth of the population attend public worship on the same Sabbath; and from others that only one seventh attend. It may be calculated from what is reported that three quarters of the inhabitants of the State are not in the habit of attending public worship of any description; though they feel to a greater or less degree the good influence of the religion that prevails around them.

The facts, that mark the present state of religion over the General Conference are, increased attendance on the worship of God on the Sabbath; greater effort by churches and parishes to support their own religious ordinances; more care in laying, at the foundation of education and of religion, evangelical truth, especially the doctrine of justification by faith alone in the atonement of God the Saviour. The great institutions of Christian charity are supported with constancy under the present severe commercial pressure, and high price of the articles of food; but many are rash with their mouth; and we have recorded and published votes, in repeated instances, to raise sums which we have not collected. This is a prominent feature in our religious state.

A delightful harmony reigns among Christians, which is not enjoyed in some other parts of our country, through the discussion of agitating questions, and this blessing we enjoy, not because the topics discussed are not known and examined here, but because of the grace of God bestowed upon the churches; and in part, without doubt, because through divine goodness, the principles of Peace have been propagated, studied and adopted. It has been said by one best qualified to judge, that these principles have prevailed more widely here than in any other part of our country; and we are therefore probably in advance of every other community on earth in the heavenly cause of Peace. The oppressed and enslaved, where their woes and wrongs are presented before our people, have a ready and deep sympathy. We hold on to the work of Sabbath School instruction. The Temperance reformation is firm, though it makes little progress. Our Theological Seminary at Bangor has the confidence and affections of the churches, but it needs more of their sons, their property, and their prayers.

On the whole we have cause of deep humiliation before God; but we also have much reason for thankfulness; and encouragement still to hope, and labor and pray for the prosperity of Zion.

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Baldwin & Sebago	Noah Emerson	1					24	
Brunswick	G. E. Adams,		10	3	4	1	150	
Cape Elizabeth	J. G. Merrill,			1		1	45	
Cumberland	Isaac Weston,	1	4	3	3		180	3
Danville							8	
Durham							35	
Falmouth 1st	Wm. Miltimore,						103	
Falmouth 2d	J. B. Stevens,	2		2	2		46	2
Freeport							149	
Gorham	Thad. Pomeroy,	2	9	2	6		180	16
Gray		1	2	1	7	2	65	18
Harpswell	Wm. Harlow.						26	
Hebron & W. Minot	Dan'l Libby, s. s.			1			49	
Lewiston Falls	W. B. Adams,		6	1			56	7
Minot Un, Cong.	Elijah Jones,			8	6	3	202	5
New Gloucester		6		2	4		124	5
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley,	2	5		5		250	12
N. Yarmouth 2d	Caleb Hobart,		3	3	8		110	19
Poland	Thos. Williams,	29	1				84	23
Portland 2d	Josheph Vaill,	9	1	8	11	2	415	21
Portland 3d	W. T. Dwight,	3	8	2	14		240	12
Portland High-st.	J. W. Chickering,	7	21	2	9		205	
Pownal	Perez Chapin,	4		2	2		125	12
Raymond							15	
Scarborough	Thos. Jameson,			2	3		102	5
Standish	Clark Perry,			1	2		72	4
Westbrook 1st	Joseph Lane,	8	4	1	4		107	
Westbrook 2		1	1		1	1	73	
Windham	J. W. Shepherd,		7		1		53	
29	22	79	92	45	92	10	3189	164

OXFORD.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Andover							47	
Bethel	Charles Frost,				5		104	4
Dixfield	W. V. Jordan,	1	6				27	3
Gilead							45	
Norway	Charles Soule,	5	2	2	2		71	2
Oxford	A. P. Chute,	7	4				33	4
Paris North								
Paris South	Joseph Walker,	2		1	4	3	122	3
Rumford	N. W. Sheldon,	1				2	80	4
Sumner	Samuel Sewall,			1			85	
Turner	Allen Greely		1	5	1		60	1
11	8	16	13	9	12	5	674	21

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Acton							50	
Alfred	A. W. Fiske, s. s.	4	9	1	3		105	4
Biddeford 1st	Stephen Merrill,	2		3	4		111	4
Biddeford 2d							75	2
Buxton	Benj. Rice,		1		1		86	2
Eliot	Elisha Bacon,	9		1	1		125	12
Kennebnnk	J. W. Powers,	1	1	3	7		77	2
Kennebunkport	Levi Smith,		1		4	1	147	
Kenn'port North				1			5	
Kittery							40	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring,	1		2			115	
Limerick	Chas. Freeman,	2	1	2	6		91	4
Limington	Ivory Kimball,			1	1		58	
Lyman				1	6		158	
Newfield	D. P. Smith,	3	2		1		48	1
Parsonsfield		1	1	2	1		50	5
Saco	Sam'l Hopkins,		2	1	4	1	212	5
Sanford					3		68	
Shapleigh							4	
South Berwick	Andrew Rankin,		11	1	6		122	6
Wells 1st	Jonas Colburn,			4	8		248	
Wells 2d	David Oliphant,	1	7	2	1		74	2
York 1st	John Haven,						104	
York 2d	Clement Parker,						14	
24	16	24	34	24	53	2	2187	49

SOMERSET.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Anson	Levi Loring, s. s.						12	
Athens	do do						10	
Bingham	J. Tucker,	16					66	14
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway,	3	2	3	4		116	6
Cornville			2		1		13	
Fairfield				1			21	
Industry	A. Boynton,			1			48	
Kingfield							16	
Madison				1		1	26	
Mercer	O. Sikes,	1			4		63	3
New Portland	A. Boynton, s. s.	3					18	
New Vineyard	David Turner,						16	
Norridgewock	J. Peet,	1	3	1	2		100	5
Phillips	G. W. Fargo,						40	
Solon							70	
St. Albans	N. Douglass,	3			2		32	3
Strong	Wm. May,		2	1	2		115	
17	10	12	9	8	15	1	782	31

KENNEBEC.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			To.	Bap
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albion	J. E. Wilkins, s. s.		1	1	2		40	
Augusta North							52	
Augusta South	Benj. Tappan,	6	4	2	13		169	11
Chesterville	Daniel Sewall,						70	
Clinton							26	
Farmington	Isaac Rogers.						136	
Gardiner	Seth Sweetser,	7	11	1	1		27	6
Hallowell		13	11	2	3	1	228	22
Litchfield							84	
New Sharon	Jos. Underwood,						51	
Pittston							39	
Readfield	G. C. Hyde,							
Sidney							15	
Temple	Simeon Hackett,						58	
Unity							24	
Vassalborough							91	
Waterville	Thos. Adams,	5	18	1		2	46	5
Weld							84	
Wilton	Sam'l Talbot,	2	2				41	
Windsor							26	
Winslow	H. C. Jewett,				1		43	5
Winthrop	David Thurston,	6	2		2	1	150	
22	13	40	49	7	22	4	1530	49

LINCOLN.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Alna	Enos Merrill,	1					69	5
Bath 1st	J. W. Ellingwood	1	4	3	12	2	235	20
Bath 3d	Ray Palmer,	7	4	1			70	6
Boothbay		2			1		84	3
Bremen							22	1
Bristol	D. Kendrick, s. s.	7					46	9
Edgecomb	J. T. Hawes, s. s.	20		1	3		136	13
New Castle	Jotham Sewall, jr.	6		2			88	3
Phipsburg	John Boynton,			8	12		182	5
Thomaston	R. Woodhull,	3				1	115	2
Topsham	T. N. Lord, s. s.	21	2	2			97	
Union				2			30	
Waldoborough	D. M. Mitchell,	8	1		5	1	133	15
Warren 2d	E. F. Cutter,	1			1		92	2
Washington							26	
Wiscasset	Seneca White,				2		114	7
Woolwich	J. C. Goss,	1	1	1		2	60	5
17	13	78	12	20	36	6	1599	96

PENOBSCOT.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Bangor 1st	S. L. Pomroy,	23	33	3	7		270	15
" Hammond-st.	John Maltby,	11	17	8	8	1	166	10
Blanchard	S. S. Drake,	1					32	3
Brewer 1st	Wales Lewis,	9		2	8		93	12
Brewer 2d	A. L. Whitman,		7	2	2	1	88	1
Brownville	H. Richardson,	1				1	63	16
Burlington							22	
Dexter			4		1	1	15	
Dixmont		2					39	
Exeter							66	
Foxcroft							89	
Garland				1	1		31	
Guilford							11	
Hampden	Silas Baker,	2	6		3		95	7
Levant	Robert Page,	3	6	1	1		47	8
Lincoln	J. R. Munsell,		2				12	1
Milo								
Monson	John Baker,			2	2	1	51	
Orono 1st	W. Parker,	10	6	1	2	1	46	
" Old Town	J. C. Lovejoy,	1	3				25	5
Orrington		10	5	2	1	1	75	8
Sangerville							25	
Sebec							16	
Williamsburg							16	
24	12	72	89	23	34	8	1346	76

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Revovals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Aurora							13	1
Belfast 1st	Silas McKeen,	25	3	3	6	3	123	40
Bluehill	J. Fisher,						103	
Brooksville		2					25	
Bucksport	Mighill Blood,	19	2		1		100	20
Camden	Nath'l Chapman,	60	3		1		122	40
Castine Trin. Ch.	B. B. Beckwith,		2	2	5		73	4
Deer Isle	Jona. Adams, s. s.			3			60	3
Ellsworth	Sewall Tenney,	4	3	1			50	2
Frankfort	S. S. Tappan,	19	4				53	15
Jackson & Brooks	Luther Wiswell,						53	
Knox & vicinity		7	1			1	28	6
Mt. Desert	M. W. Strickland,						164	
Prospect	S. Thurston,	1	1	1	3	2	195	12
Sedgwick	Manning Ellis, s.s.						30	
Sullivan								
Swanville	Geo. Brown, s. s.	1	2	2			40	1
17	13	138	21	12	13	6	1232	143

UNION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albany				2	1		59	
Bridgton	Caleb F. Page,	1	4	2			83	
Bridgton South	J. P. Fessenden,	1	1		2		43	
Bridgton North					2		23	
Brownfield							37	
Denmark	James Gooch, s. s.						35	
Fryeburg	Carlton Hurd,	2		4			235	
Harrison		2	4		6		57	
Hiram	James Gooch, s. s.	2		1	1		96	
Lovell	Israel Hills,		2				96	
Otisfield	J. P. Richardson,	2	3	1			113	
Sweden	S. Mason,		3				45	
Waterford	J. A. Douglass,	2	3	5	5		178	
13	8	12	20	15	17		1030	

WASHINGTON.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			To.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Calais		21					64	
Cherryfield							6	
Cooper	Jas. Thompson,				3		9	
Dennysville	R. Crossett,		1	1	3		80	
East Machias	T. T. Stone,	3	2				100	
Eastport	M. P. Stickney,	2					76	
Houlton								
Lubec	J. Carlton,						32	
Machias	S. D. Ward,	20	8		13		120	
Machias Port	G. Bacheller,	4		3	11		50	
No. 24							10	
Pembroke	Jas. Thompson,	5	1	1			22	
Perry	Wm. Davenport,					5	71	
Robbinston				1			39	
Whitneyville							11	
15	9	55	12	6	30	5	690	

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Ch,s	Pas.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Bap.
			Prof.	letter	D'h	Dis.	Ex.		
Cumberland	29	22	79	92	45	92	10	3189	164
Hancock and Waldo	17	13	128	21	12	6	6	1232	143
Kennebec	22	13	40	49	7	22	4	1530	49
Lincoln	17	13	78	12	20	36	7	1599	96
Oxford	11	8	16	13	9	12	5	674	21
Penobscot	24	12	72	89	23	34	8	1346	76
Somerset	17	10	27	9	8	15	1	782	21
Union	13	8	12	20	15	17		1030	
Washington	15	8	55	12	6	30	5	690	
York	24	16	24	34	24	53	2	2187	49
10	189	123	531	351	168	316	48	14250	619

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Wm. Allen, D. D., Brunswick, Pres. Bowdoin College; Jona Belden, Hallowell; Caleb Bradley, Westbrook; Amos Brown, Teachers' Seminary, Gorham; Jonathan Calef, Lyman; James Carruthers; Noah Cressey; Asa Cummings, Portland, Editor of Christian Mirror; E. Gillett, D. D. Hallowell, Secretary of Maine Missianary Society; Elijah Kellogg, Portland; Freeman Parker, Wiscasset; Enoch Pond, D. D. Bangor, Prof. of Theology; Lincoln Ripley, Waterford; John Sawyer, Garland; George Shepard, Bangor, Prof. of Sacred Rhetoric and Eccl. History; Amasa Smith, Cumberland; Hermon Stinson; Thomas Tenney, Teachers' Seminary Gorham; Leonard Woods, jr. Prof. of Sac. Lit. Bangor.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

The Society held their annual meeting in North-Yarmouth in the meeting-house of the First Parish, June 27, 1837, when a sermon was preached by Rev. Caleb Bradley. The officers chosen for the year are, Rev. ALLEN GREELY, *President*. Rev. ELIPHALET GILLETT, D. D. *Vice President*. Rev. CHARLES FREEMAN, *Secretary*. Rev. DAVID THURSTON, *Treasurer*. Rev. John W. Ellingwood, Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D. William Ladd, Esq. Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, Rev. Joseph Vaill, Rev. D. M. Mitchell, Rev. Samuel Hopkins, *Trustees*.

Preachers for the next anniversary, Rev. Swan L. Pomroy, 1st. Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, 2d. The object of the Society is to relieve the indigent widows and children of deceased Congregational ministers. Any person may become a member of the Society by paying to the Treasurer twenty dollars at one time; and all the Congregational ministers of Maine for the time being are considered members of the Society.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN SACO.

JUNE 26, 1838.

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at Saco, in the Meeting-house of Rev. S. Hopkins, on Tuesday, June 26th, 1838, at 9 o'clock A. M. Present as members the following Delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

York.	Rev. Andrew Rankin. " Benjamin Rice, " Ivory Kimball, Bro. Rufus Burbank.
Cumberland.	Rev. J. W. Chickering, " Caleb Hobart, " Clark Perry, Bro. Silvanus Blanchard, " Seth Storer, " Artemas Carter.
Oxford.	Rev. Joseph Walker. " Charles Soule, Dea. Timothy Carter, Bro. William E. Goodenow.
Union.	Rev. Joseph Searle, " David Gerry.
Kennebec.	Rev. Thomas Adams, Dea. John Means, Bro. Simon Page.
Somerset.	Rev. Levi Loring, " Josiah Tucker.
Penobscot.	Rev. S. L. Pomroy, Dea. E. Adams.
Hancock & Waldo.	Rev. Nath. Chapman, " Geo. W. Adams.
Lincoln.	Rev. J. T. Hawes.
Washington.	None.

Members *ex officiis.*

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, *Moderator.* Rev. Charles Freeman, *Cor. Secretary.* Rev. David Shepley, *Rec. Secretary.* Rev. Geo. E. Adams, *Treasurer.* Rev. Messrs. S. Hopkins, A. Cummings, L. Smith, S. McKeen, A. Greely, C. Hurd, D. Thurston, D. M. Mitchell, J. B. Stevens, I. Rogers, Wm. Allen, B. Tappan & T. Pomeroy, *members of Committees.*

Corresponding Bodies.

Gen. Association of Massachusetts,	Rev. Wm. M. Rogers, Rev. L. F. Dimmick.
Gen. Asso. of New Hampshire,	Rev. David Perry, Rev. Jacob Scales.
Gen. Asso. of Connecticut,	Rev. Samuel Spring.
Gen. Convention of Vermont,	Rev. Benjamin Abbott.
Evan. Consociation of R. Island,	Rev. T. Shepard.
Gen. Assembly of Presb. Church,	None.

The Rev. John W. Ellingwood, Moderator of Conference, opened the meeting with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

Ordained Ministers present, not members the Conference, were invited to sit as honorary members, and take part in the exercises of the meeting.

The usual Committees were appointed. Rev. Messrs. S. Hopkins, I. Rogers & J. W. Chickering, Committee of arrangements; and Rev. Messrs. D. M. Mitchell, C. Hobart & G. E. Adams, Committee of nominations.

Delegates from the Conference to Corresponding Bodies were called upon for their reports. The Rev. Asa Cummings, delegate to the Evan. Consociation of Rhode Island, was the only one of them present, who had attended to their appointments. Bro. Seth Storer was appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report, which was afterwards read and accepted.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be directed to procure a book in which shall be kept a record of the appointments of the Conference, for the use of committees and members.

A communication from the Somerset Conference, was introduced, containing resolutions relating to slavery; and a motion made that a select committee be raised, to whom this communication, and others on the same subject, might be submitted. After some deliberation the subject was referred to the committee of arrangements. This committee afterwards reported as follows:

Whereas the General Conference of Maine has repeatedly expressed its views respecting the evils of Slavery, we consider unnecessary any such repetition of those views at our present session as would seem to be desired by our brethren of the Somerset Conference.

Yet, we suggest to the Conference the expediency of raising a select committee, whose duty it shall be, to consider whether a friendly correspondence, with Ecclesiastical bodies of slaveholding States, upon the subject of Slavery would give promise of good; and if in their opinion it would, to pursue such correspondence accordingly—to be reported to the Conference at its next annual meeting.

The Committee also recommend unanimously (for special and urgent reasons) that the proposition herein submitted be adopted or rejected by Conference without discussion.

The Report was accepted, and the Rev. Messrs. Wm. Allen, D. D., B. Tappan, D. D., J. W. Chickering, A. Cummings, S. McKeen, W. T. Dwight & S. L. Pomroy, were appointed on the committee recommended by the report.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, that the business sessions of the Conference commence at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the meetings for public religious exercises at 9 o'clock; that the intermissions extend from 12 M. to 2 P. M.; and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M. This arrangement was adopted, as were also other specific exercises reported from time to time by the same Committee.

At 11 o'clock a Sermon was preached by the Rev. Benjamin Abbott, delegate from Vermont, from Psalm 66: 18, *If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me.* The discourse was suited to make one look within, to the state of the heart, the character of the motives; that these must be right, or external obedience will prove of comparatively little value. The prayer before sermon was offered by Rev. David Perry, one of the delegates from New Hampshire.

Tuesday Afternoon.

One hour, from 2 o'clock, was employed in devotional exercises and exhortations, well adapted to give a right tone and character to the feelings of the disciples of Christ there assembled, and which were blessed to this end.

Prayers were offered by Rev. Messrs. T. Adams and P. Chapin, and addresses given by Rev. Messrs. Rankin, W. Parker, and Rev. Wm. M. Rogers of Boston.

American Peace Society.

Mr. Ladd presented the merits of the cause of Peace. He asked for no more resolutions—they had enough of them. He called for prayer and action.

American Tract Society.

The Rev. Sylvester Woodbridge, Agent of the American Tract Society, from New York, advocated the distribution of Tracts, and Tract Volumes, and personal conversation on religion, to which the presentation of a Tract was an appropriate introduction, as among the important means of recovering man from sin.

The following resolutions were subsequently adopted, it being understood that $2,000 is a fair proportion for the churches of Maine to raise in aid of Foreign distribution:

Resolved, That in view of the blessing of God on the various departments of the Tract cause, viz: *The Volume Enterprise—Personal Christian Effort*, in connection with Tract distribution—and the Foreign field; it be affectionately and earnestly recommended by this Conference to the pastors and churches throughout our bounds, to employ efforts to supply the accessible population of the State, as soon as practicable, with the Evangelical Volumes published by the American Tract Soc.; to introduce tract visitation as a means of promoting Christian faithfulness and the salvation of sinners; and to endeavor, if possible, to contribute our full proportion of the $10,000, resolved to be raised at the late anniversary in Boston for pagan and foreign lands.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be instructed, in the name of Conference, to request the American Tract Society at Boston, to send an agent or agents into the field, as soon as practicable, for the purpose of securing the general and speedy circulation of the Society's volumes, among the accessible population throughout the state.

American Bible Society.

The Rev. Joseph Lane presented the claims of this society. He showed that there were thousands of dollars due from the County Societies in Maine to the Parent Society, and exhibited the importance of liquidating this debt, as the payment of this would furnish means to the National Society to carry on its noble enterprise. They might then safely, and without injury, incur another.

Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Isaac Bird, who has passed many years in Syria, as a missionary, gave numerous facts, historical, geographical, and physiological, respecting the country and the people, in and around Palestine. He spoke of the despotism under which the people groan; and their total insecurity as to life, liberty, and estate, arising from the capricious tempers of the tyrants who there rule; of their domestic habits, and

public manners, and the errors and superstitions, by which they are led astray and ruined. His address was followed by appropriate remarks from the Rev. Mr. Palmer of Bath: after which the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the wretched state of the heathen ought to render the people of God more satisfied with their own privileges, and more ready to submit to temporal privations, whether they be sent by the hand of Providence, or whether voluntarily taken upon themselves for the spread of the gospel.

Resolved, That the work of evangelizing the heathen is one of common interest to the whole church, and demands the co-operation of all Christians, whether they be missionaries abroad, or whether they be ministers or members of churches at home.

Wednesday Morning.

Devotional exercises were attended at 5 o'clock,—conducted by Rev. Messrs. Scales, Bacon, H. A. Merrill, and Dea. G. Hyde.

At 8 o'clock, Conference resumed business, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Rogers.

Rev. Messrs. T. Pomroy, Cummings and Tappan were appointed a committee to prepare rules for the Conference, and report on the following morning. This committee reported in part, was continued with the addition of the Recording Secretary, and directed to publish in connexion with the Minutes, a report of a revised Constitution and Rules.

A letter was read from Convention of Congregational ministers in New Hampshire respecting the permanency of the Pastoral Relation, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Pres. Allen, C. Freeman and S. L. Pomeroy, who were to take the subject under consideration and report at the next meeting.

BANGOR SEMINARY.

The Rev. J. W. Chickering from the Committee to visit the Theological Seminary reported, and the Report was accepted.

REPORT.

The Committee, appointed by the Conference of 1837 to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, report as follows:

With the exercises of the Anniversary in September last we were highly gratified. The graduating class consisted of fifteen, and would not have suffered by comparison, either as to ability or acquisition, with those of other and older Seminaries. There was an *individuality*,—and in some cases, a decided *originality*, in the exercises which plainly shewed that the students at this Seminary, instead of being laid on a Procrustean bed, or being left to fall into a lazy uniformity of thought, are encouraged and guided into the bright and healthful paths of independent investigation.

One of the number has already gone to the heathen, and two others are accepted missionaries of the American Board, waiting only for the passing away of the earthquake shock which has for a time almost paralysed the right arm of the American church. Thus our beloved Seminary is already earning the title of a Missionary institution,—and giving us a pledge that she will have a share in those future endeavors and success of the church, compared to which the wonders of the much extolled "19th century," will be but as the day-break to the sunrise. Six have become pastors—5 in Maine, and 1 in N. Hampshire. Some others will probably remain in our own State. Thus

the important influence and aid which were so much needed, in building up our own waste places, seem likely to be secured. The churches of Maine will long, we trust, have reason to thank God for the Theological Seminary of Maine.

As to the *state of the funds*, the following information has been communicated to us by one of the officers of the Institution.

"Of the great subscription of 1835" some part will unavoidably be lost, owing to the recent pecuniary calamities, and of that which shall be collected there will necessarily be some delay in payment. It is believed, however, that there is not one of the subscribers, who does not *wish* to meet his subscription, or who does not honestly *intend* to do it, as soon as he shall have the means. Most of the large subscriptions are safe. Many of them are effectually secured. Still, owing to the reverses of the times, comparatively little has been collected during the past year, less in all than 7000 dollars, not enough to meet the current expenses of the Institution. The trustees have consequently been obliged to resort to loans; and unless very speedily and effectually relieved by subscribers, will be under the necessity of borrowing more. They have preferred to borrow rather than distress their liberal benefactors in a time of extreme pecuniary pressure. But it will be obvious to all that this system of borrowing must not be continued long, even if it could be.

Collections *must be made*, as soon and as fast as possible, to meet the necessary expenses of the Institution, and replace what has been already loaned. It was hoped, two years ago, that the question of funds was finally settled. But it will be perceived, from what has been said, that it is not so. The attention of the churches should still be directed anxiously to the subject, and at the earliest favorable opportunity, the losses, by the failure of individuals, must be made up, unless the churches are willing to see this important object of their care and bounty still crippled and embarrassed. The committee would express the hope that a deep sense of the value of this Institution, of the evils of a straitened condition to every such Seminary, and of the Providential and unforeseen nature of the events which have impeded its prosperity, will prevent the Congregational churches of Maine from being, in this respect, weary in well-doing. In due season we shall reap if we faint not. Verily we are already reaping. How great will be the whole harvest, eternity only can disclose.

Buildings.—Owing to the cause already mentioned, no new buildings have been erected during the past year. The want of a Chapel, and of houses for the Professors, is severely felt, and will, it is hoped, be ere long supplied. Owing to the same causes fewer additions have been made to the Library, than during several of the previous years.

Several hundred volumes have, however, been added; particularly, a very valuable collection of books purchased from the library of the late Dr. Prince of Salem. The present number of volumes is about 5000, the most of which have been selected with great care and labor, under the direction of the Professor, for the specific purpose to which they are applied. So that in real value the library exceeds many larger collections of a more miscellaneous and less select character.

Connected with the library is a reading room, furnished with all the best newspapers, and most of the valuable periodical literature of the day.

The Professors remain as last year, and are well and favorably known to the churches in the State. The chair of Ecclesiastical His-

tory is still vacant, and the necessary labor in that department is performed by the present Professors. The Committee would notice the goodness of God in providing and continuing to this Institution, services so able and acceptable as those rendered by the gentlemen who fill the several professorships. They could not but be gratified with all they have seen and heard on this point. The happy mingling of dignity and kindness on the one hand, and of respect and affection on the other, seemed to us highly in keeping with the proper character of a school of the Prophets.

The *number of students*, is fifty-one. Of these forty-seven are actually resident at the Seminary. The Committee would inquire if the young men of Maine in preparation for the ministry and their advisors are sufficiently aware in all cases of the actual advantages of this Institution, and of its claim upon the sympathies and regard of our own Christian community.

The expenses of a student here are as low as at any Seminary in New England; as much charitable assistance is rendered, and manual labor, though no very regular *system* is adopted, can be pursued here to as great advantage as at any other place. The Institution is yet in its infancy, we know, but it is only an "infant *of days*." There is nothing of immaturity in its advantages, and nothing, so far as we can discover, in its results. The course of instruction, which is unchanged since the last year, is as thorough as elsewhere. The accommodations are convenient and pleasant, the libraries are select and valuable, the opportunities for doing good are many, and we cannot forbear to say that the pious students in our churches would in most cases neglect a plain duty without any countervailing advantage, by passing by this Seminary of our own, in search of older and larger Institutions.

Under the head of *Boarding*, the committee quote again from the statement furnished in answer to our request.

Boarding.—The place of boarding at the Seminary has been entirely re-modelled. Instead of hiring their board by the week, as formerly, the students are formed into an organized boarding club, and board themselves. They have the Commons House *free of rent*, or so much of it as they need. A gentleman is employed to make their purchases. A matron, with two or three female assistants, keeps their house. And the whole expense is assessed upon the students at the end of each quarter. The Club have a system of rules, approved by the Faculty, which are strictly observed. The consequence is, that the boarding establishment is conducted with the utmost order, decency, and regularity—with great satisfaction to the students, and all concerned—and at a less expense than at any similar institution within our knowledge. Notwithstanding the high price of provisions, during the last eight months, board has been furnished at about 1,75 cents per week, *including washing, mending*, &c. Should provisions come down to common prices, board (including washing, &c.) will not cost over eight or nine shillings the week.

The Commons House is now regarded by the students as their *home*, their *pleasant home*. Its rooms are at their service, in case of sickness; and here they can be taken care of as well as at house or hospital in the country. This arrangement was found of special convenience during the last autumn, when there were several cases of fever at the Seminary, and one young man died. The health of students, in general, at the Seminary has been perfectly good, the last

year, as (almost without an exception) it has been in years previous.

On the whole, though the last year has been one of embarrassment and discouragement, in regard to the collection of funds, the Seminary has gone on *quietly and prosperously*, in accomplishing its great and appropriate work, and we have all much occasion to speak of the goodness and mercy of the Lord. The following statement respecting another Institution, until recently considered as forming a part of the Seminary, may not be out of place.

Classical Institute.—Under the same Board of trust with the Theol. Seminary, is the Classical Institute. Formerly, this school was regarded as holding an intimate connection with the Theol. Seminary; and a principal *object* of it was to prepare young men to enter the Seminary. Now, it is *entirely separate* from the Seminary, and its *object* is somewhat changed. By far the greater part of those who are here pursuing classical studies are now preparing to enter College; and an influence is exerted to induce *all* the students, whose age and circumstances will, in reason, allow of it, to pursue a *thorough collegiate course*. The present number of students in the Classical Institute is 30, and this has been about the average number, through the year. These students (with the exception of two or three) are not lads from the city of Bangor, but *young men—pious* young men—drawn together from all parts of the State, and from other States. Those students occupy the old Seminary building, by paying a moderate rent for the rooms and furniture. A convenient public room for their recitations and other exercises is fitted up for them in the Commons House. They have a valuable library, appropriated to their own use; also a valuable philosophical apparatus. This school has been re-modelled in the course of the year, and placed on a new foundation, by means of which it is conducted with less expense to the trustees than before. This school has been, and (judiciously conducted) will be, a means of carrying a great many pious young men through the *first* stage of their preparatory education for the ministry. And, it must be borne in mind, that this first stage, is a very *important* one—indispensably so. It *must be passed*, before the *second* or the *third* stage can be attained. With the facilities which the Board of trust have, in buildings, library, philosophical apparatus &c. for carrying on this school; considering also the *necessity* for it, particularly in the Eastern section of the State; and the great good which (if judiciously conducted) it may accomplish, it is obviously desirable that it should be continued, if it consistently can be.

In conclusion, the Committee would express their deep and increased interest in the Theological Seminary of Maine, as this Institution may not inappropriately be styled.

It must,—we cannot doubt it *will*, be sustained. It will be under God, the river head of our prosperity—the well spring of many streams to make glad our Jerusalem.

We commend it anew to the confidence, the love, the charities, and the prayers of those who love Zion.

In behalf of the Committee, J. W. CHICKERING.

Portland, June 18, 1838.

At 9 o'clock, the Conference adjourned to give place to the Maine Missionary Society, and the Maine Branch of the American Education society, to whose interests the following hours of the day were devoted

Wednesday Evening.

At a quarter after six, a sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel Spring, on instability in religion, and its evils.

At a quarter before eight was a concert of sacred music, in the course of which an address on the subject was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Chickering.

Thursday Morning.

Prayer meeting at five o'clock. Rev. Messrs. Munsell and Jones, gave an account of the recent work of God within their fields of labor, in each of which not less than one hundred persons have been hopefully converted. Dea. Hayes, of Saco, gave a similar relation of the late revival in that place.

At eight o'clock, Rev. Mr. Scales, of New Hampshire, led in prayer, after which business was resumed.

INFANT BAPTISM.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Infant Baptism, to inquire concerning the disposition and practice of our churches generally respecting it; and to devise such means as they may judge expedient to promote the due observance, and secure the important benefits of this important ordinance; with instructions to report at the next meeting.

This resolution was reported by the Rev. Mr. Chickering, from the committee of arrangements, and was adopted. Committee:—Rev. Messrs. Chickering, Walker, Freeman, Loring, Sweetser, E. Merrill, Maltby, Blood and J. A. Douglass.

The committee of nominations reported, and the following appointments were made:

DELEGATES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. WilliamT. Dwight, Dea. Woodbury Storer. *Substitutes.* Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, Bro. William Ladd.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Caleb Hobart, Rev. Joseph C. Lovejoy. *Substitutes.*—Rev. Andrew Rankin, Rev. J. W. Chickering.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. John Maltby, Rev. Enos Merrill. *Substitutes.*—Rev. Isaac Weston, Rev. D. P. Smith.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Robert Page, Rev. J. C. Goss. *Substitutes.*—Rev. E. F. Cutter, Rev. Jotham Sewall, Jr.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Silas McKeen, Rev. Sewall Tenney. *Substitutes.*—Rev. B. Tappan, D. D. Rev. Isaac Rogers.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Ray Palmer. *Substitute.*—Rev. Carlton Hurd.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary, at Bangor.

York,	Rev. Samuel Hopkins,
Cumberland;	Rev. Caleb Hobart,
Lincoln,	Rev. E. F. Cutter,
Kennebec,	Dea. John Eveleth,

Oxford,	Rev. Joseph Walker,
Somerset,	Dea. Ezekiel Heald,
Hancock and Waldo,	Rev. Stephen Thurston,
Penobscot,	Bro. T. Crosby,
Washington,	Rev. Robert Crossett,
Union,	Bro. Leander Gage,

Rev. Messrs. G. E. Adams, T. N. Lord, and Ray Palmer, were appointed Committee of arrangements for the next meeting of the Conference to be held in Brunswick.

Preacher for next meeting. Rev. Professor Pond. Substitute, Rev. David Shepley.

The Delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, were instructed, that they were to attend the meeting of that body, which shall be decided to be the *General Assembly*, by the competent legal tribunal, and in case no decision should be made between the two bodies claiming to be such, that they had no duties to perform.

At nine o'clock the more public services commenced: prayer, by Rev. T. Williams. The Rev. S. Woodbridge addressed the Assembly further on the subject of the volumes of the American Tract Society, and Messrs. Freeman and T. Pomeroy, on the subject of the Female Seminary, at Gorham.

SEAMEN.

The claims of Seamen were presented in a very interesting manner, by Rev. S. Woodbridge, when the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The claims of Seamen are exceedingly important, and yet their claims have not hitherto received due attention in this state, as evinced by the fact that there is no place of worship now open for seamen; Therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference do earnestly recommend to the Churches in Maine to enter upon the work demanded by the necessities of seamen, in all its departments with new interest, and a determination to discharge their obligations to this interesting class of our fellow men?

The Sabbath. A Committee, previously appointed to consider and report on the neglect of public worship, submitted the following which was adopted:

The Committee appointed by the Conference on the observance of the Sabbath, report as follows:

That where a religious society have a minister of Christ who is an example of believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity, who gives attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine, who neglects not the gift that is in him, who meditates on these things, and gives himself wholly to them, that his profiting may appear to all, there, the families of his society generally and regularly attend public worship. That the profanation of the Sabbath by absence from public worship is common, where the people have not a minister of Christ devoted to his work and supported for it.

That one cause of failure to support ministers is the disposition to have meetings on Sabbath days in school-houses or meeting houses for limited neighborhoods; so that the habit of going some distance to a central place of worship is lost, and thereby large congregations are not gathered capable of supporting constantly the ordinances of the gospel.

That for the purpose of promoting such an observance of the Sabbath, greater importance should be attached to the services of the Sabbath in comparison with any religious exercises on the other days of the week, and that we should urge the duty of men to take pains to get their families to meeting and of accommodating their neighbors too, if possible; and we should also encourage catechetical religious exercises in families on the Lord's day, that holy time may be well improved.

That the deficient observance of the Sabbath over the country is one of the greatest moral evils, if not the very greatest in this State, and ought to be lamented and confessed before God, and corrected by special, patient and universal effort.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Conference request ministers in the State to preach at least once in each year on the sanctification of the Sabbath, and desire the Churches in their reports on the state of religion to note the manner in which the Lord's day is sanctified or profaned, and that the General Conference yearly attend to some resolutions on the sanctification of the Sabbath.

The Rev. Mr. Freeman was appointed a Committee to report on the same subject, by dissertation, at the next Conference.

The narrative on the state of religion was made by Rev. Mr. Freeman, Corresponding Secretary; from which it appeared, that the present season had opened auspiciously, that the heavens had dropped down from above, and the skies poured down righteousness.

Rev. Mr. Dimmick presented the state of the Churches in Massachusetts; Rev. Mr. Scales, of those in New Hampshire; Rev. Mr. Abbott, of those in Vermont: Rev. Mr. Shepard, of those in Rhode Island. The narrative of the Rev. Mr. Spring, from Connecticut, was read by a substitute; and Rev. S. Wood bridge, though not a delegate, made a statement relative to the condition of the Presbyterian Churches. Rev. D. Perry, led in prayer. Adjourned to half past one o'clock.

Thursday Afternoon.

At half past one o'clock, Rev. Mr. Tucker led in prayer. The Recording Secretary was authorised to procure printed credentials for delegates from the Conference to corresponding bodies.

Secretaries and Rev. A. Cummings were appointed a publishing Committee, and to them was submitted the report of the Corresponding Secretary. Prayer was offered, and the Sermon before communion, was preached by Rev. Silas McKeen, from Romans 5: 11. *And not only so, but we also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.* The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a very large number of professed believers, at which service the Rev. Mr. Dimmick, from Massachusetts, and Rev. Mr. Shepard, from Rhode Island, officiated.

Voted, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the inhabitants of Saco, for their hospitality, and to the choir of singers, for their assistance in the devotional exercises;—when the meeting was dissolved.

That without faithful ministers, properly supported, by congregations large enough for this purpose, and in the habit of travelling, if

next meeting of the General Conference is to be in Brunswick, on Tuesday, next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June 1839, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

D. SHEPLEY, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT

On the State of Religion in the Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine.

The present season has opened upon us auspiciously. As the sky has smiled upon us from above in sunshine and showers, and the earth beneath our feet has put forth richly, its buds, blossoms, leaves and forming fruits,so have the heavens dropped down from above, and the skies have poured down righteousness, and the earth has opened and brought forth salvation, and righteousness has sprung up together. The broad field of the Conference has presented a more cheering aspect than for some years past. We begin to survey at the rising of the sun.

Washington Conference reports fifteen churches and nine pastors. Since the beginning of the year there has been an increased attention to religion in Calais, Cherryfield, Dennysville, Eastport, Machias, Machias Port, Pembroke and Perry, in most of which congregations there have been some hopeful conversions. In addition to the fifteen churches reported, there are two or three small Congregational churches in the County which do not belong to the Conference

Hancock and Waldo Conference. consists of sixteen churches with fourteen pastors. These churches are scattered over a large territory. They are however, it is believed, in an unusual degree united in love, and in their views of truth and duty. While they acknowledge with shame their unfaithfulness, they feel that they have much reason to render thanksgiving to a covenant keeping God and Saviour. In some of the churches God has greatly honored by his blessing the appointed means of grace. The pastor of the church in Belfast writes that at the commencement of the year the church was in a low condition,that in Feb. and March meetings were appointed in different parts of the town, and the pastor was assisted by the brethren in conducting them, interest was excited a protracted meeting was appointed at the "Head of the Tide," the good work was greatly promoted, several universalists and infidels were convinced of their errors and publicly renounced them, and gave themselves heartily to the Lord Jesus. This meeting was followed by one of like character in the principal village, which was attended by evidences of the special power and grace of God; and the work of grace has continued up to the present time. About forty have been hopefully converted to God. Other evangelical churches have shared in the good work. In Bluehill about the first of the winter there was manifest evidence of the presence of the converting spirit of God. A few of the church, it is believed, could say, "Lo this is our God, we have waited for him." A meeting for fasting, confession and prayer was held, the efforts of which were most happy. A series of evening lectures in the village, and protracted meetings in remote parts of the town were held. These meetings were attended with the omnipotent energies need be, several miles a meeting no means can be devised which will secure a proper observance of the Sabbath.

of the Spirit of God filling the house with his subduing, melting influences. The work, although gentle in its commencement and gradual in its progress, has been powerful and diffusive in its influence. In some parts of the town the entire aspect of the community is changed. The Baptist church has shared largely in the good work. It is hoped that in the town not less than one hundred and fifty have passed from death unto life. Sea captains and sailors are among the converts.

The church in Brooksville has been greatly refreshed. It has received from the Head of the Church a pastor, and has likewise been blessed with the reviving influence of the Holy Spirit, and members have been born into the kingdom of grace.

The past year has been rich in mercy to the church in Ellsworth. About a year ago there were evident tokens of the special presence of God's Spirit; and a few souls, it is hoped, were converted to God, but in general he was grieved away; yet to the glory of his name he was pleased to be gracious still. In December last, in connection with a series of evening lectures to the young, God appeared in mercy. For upwards of two months meetings for preaching, conference and prayer were held every evening; and, besides, special seasons of fasting and prayer were observed. The meetings have been solemn, and the work noiseless; but hearts have been broken, and wonders have been wrought. As the result of this work the church has more than doubled its numbers. A large number of the converts are in the morning and vigor of life. The Baptist church has participated much in the good work. It is believed that from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty in the whole town have been born of the Spirit.

The church in Sedgewick also has been visited with a shower of mercy and twenty have indulged the hope that their sins are forgiven. Thus while this Conference have occasion to weep over many desolations, they have also abundant occasion to rejoice in the salvation of God.

Penobscot Conference numbers twenty-five churches and thirteen pastors. God has visited some of the churches with his refreshing and converting grace. In Levant, a pleasant, though not a powerful revival, has been enjoyed. Christians have been quickened, and several give evidence of having passed from death unto life. Lincoln also has been greatly favored of the Lord. About one hundred, in the view of charity, have been converted to God. Twenty-three of these have united with the Congregational church. In Monson twenty-five give evidence of regeneration; eight of whom have united with the Congregational church, and several others are expected to do so soon.

In Orono, first church, there has been a great increase of brotherly love and of the spirit of prayer. There have also been five or six cases of hopeful conversion. The cause of temperance is believed to be on the advance. Many are arising from the fumes of wine, beer, and cider, and are taking their stand upon the tee-total platform. Here is purity—here is safety. Sabbath schools are generally in a flourishing state. In several of them there is manifestly an increased interest. They are filling up with adults, with those too, who are parents, and are advanced in life. The "pecuniary pressure" is most sensibly felt by most of the churches within the Conference. It has removed at least two pastors; others are greatly straightened, and

will, it is feared, be under the necessity of removing; and the benevolent operations of the day have received but a small portion of this world's goods, compared with what the hearts of the friends of Christ would prompt them to bestow. Missionary operations, it is believed, however, are gaining the affections, and securing the hearts of more and more within the Conference every year.

Lincoln Conference is composed of seventeen churches supplied by thirteen pastors. In Boothbay a revival of religion has been enjoyed in one section of the town, in consequence of which seventeen have been added to the church. One of these, a mother, having given herself to the Lord, came a few Sabbaths after four miles on foot, bringing with her seven children (one in her arms) to dedicate them in the ordinance of baptism to Him who had shewn mercy to her own soul. Is this no reproof to many members of our churches, who, having been longer in the household of faith, might be expected highly to prize the institutions of the Gospel, and who yet neglect the precious and invaluable privilege of infant dedication?

The church in Bristol reports the hopeful conversion of six individuals during the year, all of whom, in the mysterious providence of God, have gone down to the grave?

In Phipsburg, there were indications of unusual seriousness on the minds of individuals soon after the commencement of the present civil year. Frequent evening meetings were held with increasing interest and solemnity; and some instances of hopeful conversion occurred previous to a protracted meeting which was sustained by the church for a fortnight, with the exception that assistance from neighboring clergymen was enjoyed for three days. The work advanced. No uncommon incidents attended any cases of awakening and conversion. A precious season of spiritual refreshing was enjoyed. The subjects of the work were mostly between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five. Thirty have united with the church, and four more stand propounded for admission. These and a number more appear as yet to run well; and an increasing hope is expressed that the change which has been wrought in them will be abiding.

The church in Waldoboro' has been favored with some tokens of the divine presence during most of the year. A majority of the twenty-nine added to this church were indulging hope at the commencement of the year now reported.

The second church in Warren has enjoyed a sweet season of refreshing during the year, the influences of which, it is hoped, are still felt. The particulars of this work of grace have not been communicated, except that twenty-seven have been added to this branch of Zion. Under the labors of one of the missionaries of the Maine Missionary Society, Rev. James Curruthers, a work of grace commenced a few months since in Washington. Some hundred and fifty have expressed hope in Christ, about twenty of whom have joined the Calvinist Baptist church, a number the Free Will Baptists, fifty or sixty the Methodist class, some have returned to the world, and eighteen have connected themselves with the Congregational church. By this addition, this last named church, which, previously, had but four male members, and was reported last year as "ready to die" has been greatly strengthened. Some blessing has been bestowed also upon the church of Alna. About six have indulged a hope in the third church in Bath.

In East Thomaston a church has been formed, and a pastor settled; and in this neighborhood, and in some other parts of the town some special attention has been given to religion.

The Lord has done great things for the church and people in Woolwich. He has revived his work, and many, in the judgment of charity have been brought into the kingdom of God, but few of these have yet been gathered into the visible church.

While some of the churches have thus been favored, a greater number have received no special visitations of mercy. In some churches where hopeful appearances existed they vanished without substantial result; and the revivals which have existed have been limited in extent and duration, and have now in nearly all instances subsided.

In *Kennebec Conference* are twenty-three churches with fifteen pastors. In addition to facts mentioned in the last report of the General Conference, the last report of the Kennebec Conference, which was made in Sept. 1837, stated that New Sharon had enjoyed a revival which added much to the strength of the church, that the Sabbath school was more flourishing than before, that the cause of temperance had triumphed, and that the church now supported its pastor without foreign aid. The report also stated that in Pittston six had given evidence of a change of heart, that Windsor had been blessed with an influence from on high; and that, over the county the ecclesiastical societies were almost without exception gaining strength, and becoming prepared to exert a stronger and more extensive influence, that the standard of ministerial qualifications was becoming higher among the churches, and that particular attention was paid to the rising generation. A recent communication from the Clerk of the Conference informs us that some of the churches report no favorable change in their religious state or prospects; that others have witnessed a few cases of inquiry and hopeful conversion; and that other have enjoyed precious seasons of revival. Temple spoke as. September of coldness and declension, and of being weakened by the removal of several of its most efficient members to other places; but now it reports the addition of fifteen by profession, only three of whom are over twenty-one years of age; and a number hopefully converted, who have not yet united with the church. It is added also that the Lord has been pleased to pour out his Spirit upon the churches and people of Weld, the winter and spring past. Connected with the Congregational Society, more than sixty, including all the youth from twelve to twenty-five years of age, are thought to have experienced the renewing grace of God. Some are expected to unite with the church soon. The cheering remark is made in conclusion that complete returns from all the churches connected with the Kennebec Conference would indicate a better state of religious feeling than for two or three years before at least.

Somerset Conference.—Of the seventeen churches connected with this Conference, nine have pastors, three of whom labor with their people the whole time. Four of the churches that are without pastors have a stated supply a portion of the year, and four others have little or no preaching. No extensive revival of religion has been witnessed by the churches in our connection. In general the state of religion has been low; and, with respect to some of the churches, their prospects for obtaining or supporting the gospel among them, are truly dark. But there are some exceptions. Several of the

churches have been refreshed from the presenceof the Lord. The churches in Bingham, Bloomfield, Mercer and Norridgewock have to some extent experienced the cheering effects of the Spirit's presence. These revivals, in each case, commenced with the more special use of the means of grace,—protracted meetings;—meetings too, in which different denominations of evangelical Christians harmoniously united. This was the case particularly in Mercer and Norridgewock. The fruits of these revivals, though not so extensive as it was hoped they would be, are not yet all gathered in; and it is hoped that in Norridgewock the work of God is still in progress, though it has received a lamentable check from an event in Providence, which suspended for a while the meetings and means of grace.

Most of the benevolent objects of the day, it is believed, have their usual hold on the affections of the churches, though they have not received the same amount of aid at the present time which they have in some past years, owing to the pecuniary pressure, which bears hard indeed upon the feeble churches in this outpost, and utterly deprives them of the ability of doing now what they would gladly do for these objects.

One subject, that of removing the sin and the wrongs of slavery from this nation, is awaking increasing interest, and receiving increasing attention—an interest and attention too, which it is hoped that neither the pecuniary pressure, nor any other pressure will suppress, until the sin and the evils resulting from it be removed, and the oppressed be permitted to go free.

Oxford Conference embraces twelve churches, seven of which are supplied with pastors, and three enjoy, for the present, the labor of two ministers as stated supplies. Two are destitute, one of which dismissed its pastor at his own request since the report of the last year. There is no special interest in religion within the bounds of the Conference with the exception of the church in Turner, to which recently eleven were propounded for admission, and others were expected to come forward soon. For several weeks past there has been much more than ordinary interest in that place in the things of religion. The church in Turner lost their meeting-house by fire some time since; and a new one is in progress, which they hope to occupy early in the autumn; they ask the prayers of their sister churches.

Union Conference includes thirteen churches. Eight of these have pastors who devote their whole time to their charges. Two churches, Harrison and North Bridgton, have united in the support of a minister, and equally enjoy his labors. Two churches, Brownfield and Denmark, have a stated supply; and Hiram is destitute; but arrangements are in progress for this church to associate with Brownfield in the settlement of a minister. If this should be done, every church in the Conference will be supplied with the stated means of grace. The church in Albany reports that during the last three months their spiritual prospects have much brightened. Both Christians and impenitent sinners have in some measure awakened from their slumbers, twelve or fifteen give evidence that they have been renewed, and others are inquiring the way to eternal life. Bridgton, North Bridgton and Otisfield also report more than usual attention to religion and a number of hopeful conversions. Sabbath schools, temperance, and other objects of Christian benevolence, secure the [illegible] *urches generally*; and, although special [illegible]

fluences are not enjoyed, except in the cases above mentioned, yet they live in peace, and, it is hoped, grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Cumberland Conference reports twenty-nine churches and twenty-one pastors. The church in Baldwin communicates the death of one of the original eleven, who formed the church, and the departure of her grand daughter on the Mission to the Indians beyond the Rocky Mountains. She is one who always belonged to the Sabbath School or Bible Class, and imbibed the missionary spirit at an early age. In Durham an excitement has existed and still exists: and there are many hopeful conversions, and many inquiring the way of salvation. In Falmouth in both congregations there has been for the last two months an interesting revival; and about twenty-five, it is hoped, have passed from death unto life. There are at least fifty hopeful conversions. The work is still in progress. In Freeport Sabbath School operations commenced this year with more spirit than usual, and promise well. Of the fifty added to the church, twenty-two were from the Sabbath School. Nearly the whole and that a large class of young ladies, under the instruction of the wife of the late pastor, became hopefully pious. The favor of the Lord has been enjoyed not a little. The last summer and autumn was a season of special revival. Some have a hope, who have not yet made a profession. A large accession has also been made to the Baptist church. In Gorham was enjoyed last winter a short and happy revival of religion, in which the Gorham Academy and Teachers' Seminary shared largely. This institution, with five male and three female teachers, is in efficient operation, and promises an extensive and happy influence upon the moral, mental, civil, social and religious character of our rising community. It claims, with other institutions of learning, an interest in the prayers and efforts of the church. The church at Lewiston Falls reports that God has graciously visited that part of Zion of late; and many souls, it is hoped, have been converted to God. To the church in Minot fifty-seven have been added by profession during the year. The church embraces the usual benevolent objects of the day, and has resolved itself into a society for their promotion: and most of the members appear to feel a lively interest in the Saviour's cause. Religion was low the last summer. But about November an awakening began in a Bible Class. It spread; and the church was awakened and came into action. The prayer meetings became inquiry meetings; and many a refreshing season was enjoyed. A part of the converts are young, belonging to Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes: and but few of them are far advanced in years. God has so wrought as to make Christians feel their own insufficiency, and the power of his grace. He has done it, and to Him be the glory.

In the First church in North Yarmouth during some of the months of summer the influences of the Holy Spirit were bestowed and sinners were converted. The Second church uses this language. "There is much in our present state and prospects, that is portentous, and may well excite our fears. Death is diminishing our number. The judgments of the Lord amongst us for the season past have been marked and solemn. The Third church in Portland, since the commencement of the present year, has been favored with a noiseless but evident effusion of the Spirit; as the fruits of which about twenty-five persons, it is hoped, have become the disciples of Christ, who

have thus far generally afforded more than ordinary evidence of real conversion. In High Street church Portland, there have been ten hopeful conversions in the Sabbath school; and the state of the school is encouraging. For several months past there has been unusual seriousness in the congregation. About twenty have hopefully experienced a change of heart; and there are several inquirers.

To the church in Saccarappa, Westbrook, the Lord has been very gracious, says the clerk, and much union and harmony prevail. About six or eight contemplate joining the church soon. This church have heretofore received aid from the Maine Missionary Society, but are now aiming to support the ordinances of the Gospel without foreign aid. First church in Westbrook reports that a season of awakening followed the meeting of the Cumberland Conference with them last winter, and a few became hopeful subjects of divine grace.

This Conference has on the whole been blessed. The frowning cloud, which for several years covered the Daughter of Zion, has dispersed; the Lord from between the cherubims has been pleased to shine forth; the mercies of the favored year 1831 have been renewed; the gracious gales of the Spirit have been enjoyed; and many, who, a year ago were the blinded devotees of the "God of this world," now enjoy the spiritual liberty and privileges and hopes of the gospel. Yet, while in some of the churches the Saviour has come to "eat his pleasant fruits," there are others, to whom he seems to say, "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face." But the pastors of the churches generally speak of union, and harmony or peace in their churches.

York Conference embraces twenty-five churches, supplied by seventeen pastors. Acton, for some time destitute, has lately resettled its former pastor, Rev. Clement Parker. In Alfred the number connected with the Congregational Society, who hope they experienced religion the past winter, is about twenty. Nearly one half of the twentyeight, who have been received into church fellowship, trust that they experienced religion, some, two years ago, some from seven to ten years ago, one individual about fifteen years ago, another above twenty five years ago, and one other still above fifty years since. The minds of these persons seemed to be particularly quickened and refreshed during the revival; and they regretted having so long delayed to own the Saviour before the world. About two thirds of the whole number, who have recently obtained hope in Christ, were previously connected with the Sabbath school. The other third have nearly all joined the Sabbath school since their conversion. In Biddeford first church, during the winter the dying graces of a portion of the church were revived by the Holy Spirit; and immediately a number of the dear youth and children of the church began to inquire what must we do to be saved? Three of these expressed faith in Christ, but the Holy Spirit was grieved, and departed; and the work of conversion ceased. In Kennebunkport a new church has been harmoniously formed out of the First church by the dismission of seventy members for this purpose. The church in Saco has received by profession during the year thirty-three, of whom twenty-three were the fruits of the recent revival. The Holy Spirit has been shed down also upon Biddeford second church, upon Lyman, Newfield and South Berwick; and there have been some hopeful conversions in each of these societies. In Limington there have been a few cases of awakening and conversion; and in York First church an improved state of feeling exists *within and without* the church.

Connected with the General Conference of Maine are one hundred and ninety-two churches supplied by one hundred and thirty-one pastors or stated preachers. The members of the churches are fourteen thousand nine hundred and two. There have been added by profession nine hundred and fifty, the largest number that have been added in one year since the gathering in of the fruits of the rich outpouring of the Spirit in 1831. The minutes of the present year, compared with the last, shew that, while fifteen pastors have been dismissed, twenty-seven have been settled, a number larger than usual; and with thanksgiving and praise to God it should be acknowledged that some churches, which have depended on Missionary aid, have resolved to attempt to support their religious ordinances themselves; and many churches have made more liberal efforts than ever to maintain the preaching of the gospel. On the other hand ministers have suffered with others by the increased prices of the means of living, and by the pecuniary embarrassments of their people; and a few have on this account been dismissed fom their charges. But, under the severe pressure of the times, and the perplexities of our benevolent institutions, God has blessed the churches beyond some former years with the quickening influences of his Spirit. The following towns, have, by the returns made, been most blessed with revivals of religion: Lincoln, Sedgewick, Ellsworth, Brooksville, Belfast, Monson, Waldoboro, Warren, Washington, Boothbay, Woolwich, Phipsburg, Temple, Weld, Minot, Lewiston Falls, Durham, Freeport, Falmouth, North Yarmouth, Alfred and Saco. A few conversions are reported in the following towns, Levant, Thomaston, Bath, Pittston, New-Sharon, Windsor, Bingham, Bloomfield, Mercer, Norridgewock, Albany, Bridgton, N. Bridgton, Otisfield, Gorham, Portland, Westbrook, Biddeford, South Berwick, Lyman, Newfield and Limington. It may be estimated that fifteen thousand persons are connected with the Sabbath schools and Bible classes in the Congregations represented in the General Conference. They have received more attention than usual, have been favored with the presence of the Spirit; and some precious fruit has been gathered from them into the church of Christ.

The churches make progress in practical benevolence. Their liberality under embarrassment evinces the genuineness and depth of their love to Christ. Their love to the brethren is displayed in the harmony which generally prevails. The discussion of some agitating questions shews the salutary progress of truth, which cannot advance without some strife with error. The observance of the Sabbath, a grand ordinance of God for the sanctification of men, attracts special attention. And, finally, God is pleased to demonstrate in various ways, his gracious presence in the churches, and his readiness to bestow richer blessings than he has yet conferred. May we hear him saying, Prove me now, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, which there shall not be room enough to receive; and may we have to record when, we meet again, his faithfulness to his promises, and his willingness to give his Holy Spirit to them that ask him.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Baldwin	Noah Emerson,			1			23	
Brunswick	G E. Adams,	5		1			151	
Cape Elizabeth	J. G. Merrill,					2	44	
Cumberland	Isaac Weston,		2	6	3		173	7
Danville							8	
Durham		1		2			33	
Falmouth 1st							103	
" 2d	J. B Stevens,	1			4		45	
Freeport	E. G. Parsons,	50	1	4	6		169	36
Gorham	Thad. Pomeroy,	15	5	3	5		189	16
Gray	N. W. Sheldon,				1		50	
Harpswell							26	
Hebron & W.Minot							49	
Lewiston	W. B. Adams,	13	5	1	2		65	20
Minot	Elijah Jones,	57	1	1	4	1	254	35
New Gloucester		3	5		1		133	
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley,	22	4	8		1	267	14
" 2d	Caleb Hobart,			5	4	1	104	11
Poland	Thos. Williams,	3	3				83	3
Portland 2d	Jona. B. Condit,	5	7	6	35		387	
" 3d	W. T. Dwight,	10	1		9		250	33
" High St.	J. W. Chickering.	16	23	2	10		232	
Pownal	Perez Chapin,	2		3	2		122	
Raymond							13	
Saccarappa				3	4		68	
Scarborough	Thomas Jameson,	8					114	
Standish	Clark Perry,		3				75	1
Westbrook	Joseph Lane,	5	1		5		108	
Windham	J. W. Shepard,	1	1			1	53	5
29	21	217	62	46	95	6	3391	181

KENNEBEC.

Albion	I. E. Wilkins, s.s.						33	
Augusta North	David Starrett,		3				55	
" South	B. Tappan,	6	6	3	8		170	11
Chesterville	Daniel Sewall,	1	3	1			54	
Clinton							21	
Farmington	Isaac Rogers,						114	
Gardiner	Seth Sweetser,	12	4	1	2		39	19
Hallowell	Eli Thurston,	13	8	2	2	2	218	
Litchfield	Timothy Davis,	4	1	2			86	
New Sharon	J. Underwood,	11	1	1			62	
Pittston		4			1		45	
Readfield		3	1	1		1	17	
Sidney							15	
Temple	Simeon Hackett,	15		2	3		90	
Unity							24	
Vassalboro' 1st					20		43	
" South	Seth Hardy,	2	4		1		25	
Waterville		7	1				56	
Weld	E. Fobes,	1	1	1	2		70	3
Wilton	Samuel Talbot,	4	3				50	
Windsor		6	1				32	
Winslow	Henry C. Jewett,	8	2	1			52	0
Winthrop	David Thurston,	4		1			150	
23	15	101	39	16	39	3	1521	39

PENOBSCOT.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Bangor 1st	S. L. Pomroy,	14	11	3	9		253	29
" Hammond-st.	John Maltby,	10	7	2	2	1	176	
Blanchard							32	
Bradford							7	
Brewer 1st	Wales Lewis,	2	5	2	1		93	6
" 2d	A. L. Whitman,	1		1	1		86	1
Brownville							61	
Burlington							22	
Dexter							15	
Dixmont					3		36	
Exeter		1	2				18	4
Foxcroft	Elias Wells,	9	8	3	2		89	16
Garland		1	4				34	6
Guilford		1					12	
Hampden		2		2	2	1	95	6
Levant	Robert Page,	6	3			2	53	8
Lincoln	J. R. Munsell,	23	1				36	23
Milo								
Monson	John Baker,	8					59	
Orono 1st	W. Parker,	7	3		1		55	14
Old Town	J. C. Lovejoy,						25	1
Orrington	Geo. H. Hulin,	1		2			74	2
Sangerville							12	
Sebec					2		15	
Williamsburg							16	
25	11	86	44	15	23	4	1404	116

YORK.

Acton	Clement Parker,						40	
Alfred	Albert W. Fiske,	28	4	2			136	29
Biddeford 1st	Stephen Merrill,	1	1	1	6		106	6
Biddeford 2d	H. A. Merrill, s. s.	3	2	3	1		69	23
Buxton	Benj. Rice,	1		3	3	1	80	2
Eliot	Elisha Bacon,	7	2				135	
Kennebunk							68	
Kennebunkport 1st	Silas Baker, s. s.			2	73		77	
" North							5	
" South	Levi Smith, s. s.	2	73				73	3
Kittery	T. H. Miller,						34	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring,	6	4				126	
Limerick	Charles Freeman,		3	1	4		89	4
Limington	Ivory Kimball,	2	1	1			64	6
Lyman	Sol. Gilbert, s. s.	1		2	2		154	3
Newfield	David P. Smith,	1	1	2			50	1
Parsonsfield				1			49	1
Saco	Samuel Hopkins,	33	10	9	10		231	36
Sanford							68	
Shapleigh							4	
South Berwick	Andrew Rankin,	3	3	1	1		131	9
Wells 1st	Jonas Colburn						248	
Wells 2d							74	
York 1st	John Haven,	3	3	4	1		98	
York 2d							14	
25	18	91	107	32	101	1	2222	123

OXFORD.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis	Ex.		
Andover,	A. Hubbard, S. S.						47	
Bethel,	Charles Frost,						104	
Dixfield,	Wm V. Jordan,	3	3	1			32	1
Gilead,	H.Richardson,S.S						45	
Norway,	Charles Soule,	2	2				75	1
Oxford,	Ariel P. Chute,						33	
Paris North,								
Paris South,	Joseph Walker,	1		1	11	7	103	2
Rumford,							80	
Shelburn, N. H.	H.Richardson,SS.							
Sumner,	Samuel Sewall,			3	4		84	
Turner,	Allen Greely,						59	2
12	9	6	5	5	15	7	662	6

UNION.

Albany,	G. F. Tewksbury	2	1				63	
Bridgton,	Caleb F. Page,	2	2	2	1		85	
Bridgton South,	J. P. Fessenden,	1		3	1		43	
Bridgton North,	Joseph Searle,	2	5				30	
Brownfield	D. Gerry, S. S.			1			86	
Denmark,	J. Gooch, S. S.		1				35	
Fryeburg,	Carlton Hurd,	1		2	3		236	
Harrison,	Joseph Searle,		1		1		53	
Hiram,							36	
Lovell,	Israel Hills		1	1	2		90	
Otisfield,	J. P. Richardson,	6		1			115	
Sweden,	Eaton Mason		1		1		42	
Waterford.	J A Douglass,		4	1	5		176	
13	11	14	16	11	14		1040	

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Aurora,							13	
Bellast, 1st.	Silas McKeen,	4	1	3	3		122	7
Bluehill,	Albert Cole,	56		1	4		161	26
Brooksville,	G W Adams,	15	2	1	1	1	41	7
Bucksport,	Mighill Blood	8					108	
Camden,	Nath'l Chapman,	11	2	4			132	11
Castine, Trin. Ch.	B. B. Beckwith,	8	1	1	2	2	77	7
Deer Isle,	J. Adams, S. S.	2		2			68	2
Ellsworth,	Sewall Tenney,	62	8	4			116	42
Frankfort,	S. S. Tappan,	11	2	1	1	6	69	
Jackson and Brooks,	Luther Wiswell,	1					54	
Knox, and vicinity,							28	
Mt. Desert,	M. W. Strickland						164	
Prospect,	S. Thurston,			4	3	2	186	13
Sedgewick,	M. Ellis, S. S.	6			1		47	6
Swanville,	George Brown,		2	1			40	2
16	14	184	18	22	15	11	1418	128

LINCOLN.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions Prof.	Additions Letter	Removals. D'th	Removals. Dis.	Removals. Ex.	Tot.	Bap.
Aina	Enos Merrill	3					72	2
Bath 1st	J. W. Ellingwood,	9	5	2	7		240	26
Bath 3d	Ray Palmer,	4	2	2			74	7
Boothbay	David Cushman,	17	2	3	2		112	18
Bremen							22	
Bristol	D. Kendrick, s. s		1	1			46	
Edgecomb	J. T. Hawes, s. s	1		2			135	15
New Castle	Jotham Sewall, jr	3		2			89	5
Phipsburg	John Boynton,	30		2	3	2	202	30
Thomaston	R. Woodbull,	10	1	2	14	2	104	8
Topsham	T. N. Lord,	6	2				103	4
Union							30	
Waldoboro	D. M. Mitchell,	29	3	5			161	27
Warren 2d	E. F. Cutter,	27		2			117	18
Washington		18		1	1		42	28
Wiscasset				3	2		105	
Woolwich	J. C Goss.	7					65	3
17	13	164	16	27	29	4	1719	191

SOMERSET.

Anson,	L. Loring, S. S.						17	
Athens,	do. do.						9	
Bingham,	Josiah Tucker,						85	
Bloomfield,	G. W. Hathaway,						110	
Cornville,							13	
Fairfield,							23	
Industry,	Alden Boynton,						58	
Kingfield,							16	
Madison,							25	
Mercer,	Oren Sikes,						67	
New Portland,							18	
New Vineyard,	David Turner,						16	
Norridgewock,	Josiah Peet,						100	
Phillips,	Geo. W. Fargo,						42	
St. Albans,	Nathan Douglass,	3	1	1	1		33	3
Solon,							58	
Strong,	Wm. May.						117	
17	10	52	5	10	13	1	817	3

WASHINGTON.

Calais,	F. Yeaton,	4	4		2	2	83	10
Cherryfield	Horatio Ilsley.	3	2				11	
Cooper,							9	
Dennysville,	Robert Crossett,	2		1	3		79	5
East Machias,	T. T. Stone.	1	2	1	4		96	
Eastport,	M. P. Stickney,	4	2	3	3		38	6
Houlton,								
Lubec,	Isaac Carlton,	1	1		1		21	3
Machias,	S. D. Ward,	2			3		124	4
Machias-port,	G Bacheller,	1					51	
Machias W'y's Mills							11	
Northfield,							10	
Pembroke,		2	3		2		24	
Perry,	Wm. Davenport,	11	2	1	1	4	80	11
Robbinston,		4	1	1	1		42	4
15	9	35	17	7	20	6	718	43

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	No. chs.	No. Pas.	Additions Pro.	Additions Let.	Removals Dth.	Removals Dis.	Removals Exc.	Total.	Bap.
Cumberland,	29	21	217	62	46	95	6	3391	181
Hancock and Waldo,	16	14	184	18	22	15	11	1418	123
Kennebec,	23	15	101	39	16	39	3	1521	39
Lincoln,	17	13	164	16	27	29	4	1719	191
Oxford,	12	9	6	5	5	15	7	662	6
Penobscot,	25	11	86	44	15	23	4	1404	116
Somerset.	17	10	52	5	10	13	1	807	8
Union,	13	11	14	16	11	14		1040	
Washington,	15	9	35	17	7	20	6	718	43
York,	25	18	91	107	32	101	1	2222	123
	192	131	950	329	191	364	43	14902	837

NOTE. In the Statistical Table of the Somerset Conference, the sums total only were communicated by the Clerk, and not the *particulars*,—from the several churches,—of which the aggregates are made up. Those from St. Albans were furnished by the pastor, which the Committee have inserted, though they stand alone, as a memento for future Clerks.—The sum total of members in the Washington Conference, is from their last published report; and though it exceeds the aggregate of members in the table, is retained, since if the blank against Houlton were filled, 'the whole might be only equal to the sum of all its parts.'

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Rev. William Allen, D. D. Brunswick, Pres. of Bowdoin College.
Rev Asa Cummings, Portland, Editor of Christian Mirror.
Rev. Caleb Bradley, Westbrook.
Rev. James Carruthers, Portland.
Rev. Elijah Kellogg "
Rev. John L. Parkhurst, Standish.
Rev. Amasa Smith, Cumberland.
Rev. Eliphalet Gillett, D. D. Hallowell, Sec. of Maine Miss. Soc.
Rev. Jonathan Belden, "
Rev. Thomas Adams, Waterville.
Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D. Prof. of Theol. Seminary Bangor.
Rev. George Shepard, Prof. of Sac. Rhet. and Eccl. Hist. Bangor.
Rev. Leonard Woods, jr. Prof. Sac. Literature.
Rev. Jonathan Calef, Lyman.
Rev. Thomas Tenney, Gorham Teacher's Seminary.

The Committee appointed by the General Conference to revise the Constitution and Rules of the Body, respectfully submit the following

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Maine.

ART. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen;—and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches, two ministers, and two laymen; and also of the officers, delegates who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the times for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. III. The Union Conference, though not *bounded by County lines*, may be admitted a member of this body with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

ART. IV. Ordained ministers, who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

ART. V. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

ART. VI. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. VII. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office for three years.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. X. This Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock, A. M. at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meetings of this Conference hall be opened with singing—reading the scriptures and prayer, and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with prayer.

ART. XII. At each meeting of the Conference a Committee of Arrangements consisting of three, shall be appointed, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through their hands and with their approbation.

ART. XIII. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted *to the same right* of sitting, debating and voting with its own *members, in all cases* where these privileges are reciprocated.

ART. XIV. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connexion, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. XV. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. XVI. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's supper.

ART. XVII. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two thirds of the members present

RULES.

1. At the time appointed for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution;—or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers, as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question; viz. Shall the main question be put?

9. The whole business of the Conference, and deportment of its members shall be in accordance with decorum and the usages of deliberative bodies.

10. A publishing Committee consisting of three shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of the Conference.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

The Society held their annual meeting in Saco, in the Meeting-house of Rev Samuel Hopkins, June 26, 1838, when a sermon was preached by Rev. S. L. Pomroy of Bangor. The officers chosen for the year are Rev. ALLEN GREELY, *President.* Rev. ELIPHALET GILLETT, D. D. *Vice President.* Rev. CHARLES FREEMAN, *Secretary.* REV. DAVID THURSTON, *Treasurer.* Rev. John. W Ellingwood, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D. William Ladd, Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy, Rev. D. M. Mitchell, Rev. Samuel Hopkins, Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, *Trustees,* Preachers for the next anniversary, Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy 1st. Rev. Carlton Hurd, 2d.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN BRUNSWICK,

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at Brunswick, in the Meeting-house of the Congregational Parish, June 25th, 1839, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present as members the following Delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

York.	Rev. Jonas Colburn, " Charles Walker, Dea. J. M. Hayes.
Cumberland.	Rev. T. Pomeroy, " E. Jones, " J. B. Condit, Bro. R. P. Dunlap, Dea. W. Storer, Bro. Enoch Harrington.
Union.	Rev. J. P. Fessenden, " E. Mason, Dea. John Perley, Bro. Joseph Smith.
Kennebec.	Rev. B. Tappan, D. D. " D. Thurston, Bro. Stephen Sewall.
Oxford.	Rev. Samuel Sewall, " Charles Frost, Bro. Jedediah Burbank, " Leonard Shurtleff.
Somerset.	Rev. Levi Loring, " Josiah Tucker, Bro. James Hills.
Penobscot.	Rev. J. R. Munsell, " S. S. Drake, " Elias Wells, Dea. Benj. Crosby, Bro. Isaac Case, " John A. Perry.
Hancock & Waldo.	Rev. Jonathan Adams, " Stephen Thurston, Bro. Solyman Heath.
Lincoln.	Rev. Wm. L. Mather, Bro. Wilmot Wood, Dea. A. R. Mitchell.
Washington.	Rev. Wm. Davenport, " Horatio Ilsley.
Franklin.	Rev. Isaac Rogers, " Daniel Sewall.

MEMBERS *ex officiis.*

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, *Moderator.* Rev. Charles Freeman, *Cor. Secretary.* Rev. D. Shepley, *Rec. Secretary.* Rev. Geo. E. Adams, *Treasurer.* Rev. Messrs. T. N. Lord, Ray Palmer, W. T. Dwight, A. Cummings, Prof. Pond, S. Hopkins, R. Page, E. Merrill, J. W. Chickering, S. McKeen, E. F. Cutter, J. A. Douglass, and Joseph Walker, *members of Committees.*

Corresponding Bodies.

Gen. Association of Massachusetts,	Rev. William A. Stearns.
Gen. Association of New Hampshire,	Rev. John K. Young.
Gen. Convention of Vermont,	Rev. Charles Walker.
Gen. Association of Connecticut, Evan. Consociation of R. Island, Gen. Assembly of Presb. Church,	None.

The Moderator of Conference, Rev. John W. Ellingwood, opened the meeting with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

The Constitution and Rules of the Conference, as revised by a Committee appointed the last year, were taken up; the articles read and considered singly, in part at this session, and in part at adjourned sessions, when, after receiving amendments, the whole were adopted, as appended to these Minutes.

Rev. Messrs. E. Merrill, S. Thurston and Wm. T. Dwight were appointed Committee of nominations.

After a recess of ten minutes devotional services were attended—Prayer by Rev. C. Walker of Wells, and a Sermon by Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, delegate from Massachusetts—Luke 2: 14. *Good will towards men.* The doctrine, 'A disinterested regard to the happiness of others is a prominent characteristic of holy minds.'

The Committee of Arrangements reported, that the business sessions of the Conference commence at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the meetings for public religious exercises at 9 o'clock; that the intermissions extend from 12 M. to 2 P. M.; and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M. This arrangement was adopted, as were also specific exercises reported from time to time by the same Committee.

Tuesday Afternoon.—One hour, from 2 o'clock, was employed in devotional exercises. Prayers were offered by Rev. T. Williams and Rev. D. Thurston, and addresses given by Rev. J. K. Young from New Hampshire, and Rev. I. Kimball.

NEGLECT OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The following Dissertation was read on this subject by Rev. Charles Freeman, who had been previously appointed to that service. Prof. Pond followed with remarks on the same subject.

DISSERTATION ON THE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The General Conference have shown their sense of the importance of the inquiry as to the neglect of public worship, by attending to this subject now for several successive years. The subject justly claims the attention of the disciples of Christ, and the friends of man.

1. I first remark, that public worship is important. The public worship referred to is that of the Lord's day. This is as important as the salvation of mankind. We may here apply the reasoning of the Apostle on the subject of faith in Christ. "For the Scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all

that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" We may add, How shall preachers address men if they will not assemble to hear them? And when will they assemble to hear, if not upon the Sabbath? The Sabbath is the day on which light shines down from heaven upon men; on which God speaks to men by his servants; on which the Holy Ghost operates within men's hearts. It is a day of rest for the body, of improving studies for the mind, and of sanctifying exercises for the heart. It is a season of education, reaching through the whole life. The man, who lives seven years, enjoys a whole year of Sabbaths. And the man who lives forty-two years, enjoys six years of Sabbaths.—What a wonderful provision for physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual improvement! God has so constituted the world that six days' labor will suffice for seven days' wants, so that man may have one day in seven, and one year in seven for his enjoyment and improvement.

2. But while the institution of the Sabbath is so important, it is not prized nor used aright. It is estimated that, over the State, not more than one fifth of the population are in the house of God on theLord's day, in ordinary weather and travelling. Thus in a town of 1500 inhabitants, there may be 300 persons at meeting.

But, out of a population of 1500, one thousand might attend public worship, if all were a church going people; and thus three hundred persons would come to meeting from a population of 450. Thus in this State out of 1500 people 450 alone enjoy the benefits of public worship fully; or out of 500,000, the population of the State, only 150,000 attend public worship. And what benefits do those derive from the divinely beneficent institution of the Sabbbath who do not attend on the public worship of God? Do they sanctify the Lord's day at home? Do they read the word of God? Do they take in hand the writings of the Howes, the Baxters, the Edwardses, the Wattses, the Doddridges, that have illuminated the church and the world? Do they not rather pore over the folio of four pages, and that one toe which gathers up merely the froth and *scum* of trifling and excited minds? Do they not rather while away the time with the foul narcotic weed of Virginia? Do they not idle out the day by calls, or company, or sleep, or some little amusing occupations?—Do they not drive on the business of the world, as though life was not long enough for the drudgery of earth? The day of rest is not wholly lost indeed even to those who do not attend on public worship, but it is well nigh lost, and to some it is worse than lost. If it were not for the influence exerted on them by the care of others to sanctify the day, one dark moral cloud would cover them, almost from the beginning to the end of the year. Think of the influences under which children are growing up in families that do not sanctify the Sabbath. O what a blank are their souls? What a night of paganism invests them! What poor candidates for the joys and glories of heaven! What unpromising citizens of the republic and the world!

3. It may be asked what are the causes of the neglect of public worship? This evil grows out of human depravity; but we would know how human depravity works to produce the evil, what forms it assumes, and by what agency it operates.

Men in their selfishness do not support studious, devoted ministers; and other ministers they will not go to hear. If preachers are not men of study—if they do not bring out of their treasures things new and old, however zealous, however naturally gifted, however holy, however evangelical, they will in a few years be forsaken by the great body of their hearers. It is not

studious habits are necessary. These habits a college-learned man may not have; and a man without public education may have them. Watts, Doddrige, Scott and Fuller did not owe their eminence to a university. Unlettered hearers even are soon tired with a teacher, who learns nothing new, and does not grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Want of information, of growing information in ministers is one great cause of the neglect of public worship. A people do not support their minister, and he must support himself at the anvil, the shoe maker's seat, the joiner's bench, or in the field, the store or the public office. Books, study, and the closet, and instructive meetings are neglected; his preaching becomes a tedious thrice told tale; his hearers drop off, until a few are left, and he and they adhere together in a party spirit; and he holds on for years just occupying the ground, while the great body of the people stay at home.

Another cause of the neglect of public worship is want of love between Christians of different denominations. If Christians received one another to the glory of God, as Christ has received them; if they felt that the sanctification of the Sabbath and the public worship of God was a common cause; and if they went to some other evangelical meeting constantly, when they had none of their own, thousands would go up on the Sabbath to the courts of God who now stay at home.

Another cause of the neglect of public worship is the want of the presence and power of God in our worshipping assemblies. If we engaged with all our hearts in the worship of God, if the lips of ministers were touched with a live coal from the altar of God; if the praises of God were sung as when the divine glory filled the temple of Solomon; if assembled Christians gave their whole hearts to the worship of God, then would there be attractions in Gods' house which would draw full congregations. But when the heart of the minister and the people grows cold; and when the glory of God does not fill the house of the Lord, then crowded seats will become vacant, and the ways of Zion will mourn because few come to her solemn feasts.

Another cause of the neglect of public worship is the omission of means to reach and interest people in remote neighborhoods, and those families which have long neglected the preaching of the gospel. The master of the house said to his servants, go out quickly into the streets, and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind: and again he said, go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. There are families in the streets and lanes of the city, and in the highways and hedges of the country, whom the voice of preachers no more reaches than it does the Indians beyond the Rocky mountains. As you go through a town, and see a beautiful village, and several neat churches, you think, perhaps, the influence of the gospel penetrates and fills the whole community. Ah, how much you misjudge! There are families there, on whom the art of printing confers scarcely the least benefit; and who if they know, do not think, from week to week, that Jesus died on Calvary eighteen centuries ago; and will come again to call them to judgement.

Another cause of the neglect of public worship is the difficulty of getting to the house of God. This is a much more serious difficulty than many imagine. The improvements of the age all tend to incapacitate mankind to endure exercise and exposure. The delicate fabrics of the day will not bear exposure to a frowning sky. The air is now not mild enough to breathe; the earth is not good enough to tread upon, and men have learned to move so evenly on wheels, springs, cushions, and railroads; that the locomotive which God has formed, the frame of man which is fearfully and wonderfully made, is not good enough to carry people to the house of God. Without a revolution in ideas and manners, we cannot expect that men, women and children in general will ever be able

and disposed to walk a mile or two to meeting, as did our fathers and mothers.

The last cause of the neglect of Sabbath worship, which I shall mention, is a low estimate of the value of the Lord's day, as a means of grace. God has blessed religious services on other days; and protracted meetings have appeared to be productive of signal good, much beyond the services of the Sabbath. The good influence of holy Sabbaths is not so manifest. Their influence operates through a whole year; and instead of being a frame of a building raised in a single day by many hands, it is like the silent growth of a tree through the whole season.

4. What, it may now be asked, shall be done to promote attendance on public worship? Here, as in other cases, a great evil is not to be immediately corrected; for many causes must co-operate, and many evils must be corrected together. We must have educated and studious ministers, and the people must support them, that they may give themselves to their work. Religion must flourish in the hearts of Christians. They must themselves enjoy devotional exercises. They must have their eye upon the sanctification of the Sabbath in their government of their families, and they must extend their influence around them that it may reach those particularly whom the minister's voice on the Sabbath does not reach.

1. Let the value of the Sabbath be studied. Let ministers preach upon it, let Christians think of it, let all pray with reference to it. Remember that the world was made for the sake of the sabbath—that man labors six days that he may enjoy the seventh—that this is the day which God specially hallowed and blessed—that it is the emblem of heaven, and an earnest of our promised rest. Love, as you may, these precious protracted meetings, and our delightful anniversaries; but love still more the holy Sabbaths, the days which God has made. On other days you may run wild, you may be too long, and too loud, and have inordinate affections; but the very regularity of the Lord's day, returning once a week, will tend to keep you in order. You may stay in your orbit, while you roll, and shine, and burn, like the sun.

2. Immediately promote the observance of the Sabbath by making the church a desirable, useful place of resort. Correct whatever might repel men. First aim to purify and improve and beautify the church. Aim to make Christians more lovely, more harmonious, more heavenly. Raise the standard of holiness. Pray much for the minister. Take an interest in the singing. Spare no labor and expense that it may be correct, harmonious, melodious, lively and devout. Neglect nothing about the external building. Let all be neat, finished, comfortable and in good taste. This will have some influence on the feelings of the worshippers. But think much less of this than of the spirit of the congregation. If that spirit is holy and heavenly,—it will be attractive. If Christ is there—there will the gathering of the people be.

3 Encourage attendance on public worship in all your religious influence upon others. Let this influence be steady and extensive. Make a pocket companion of that little Tract Publication, entitled, "Personal Christian Effort; or, Way-Marks for Tract Visiters." I quote one of these Way-Marks: "*Strengthen the hands of ministers.*" Persuade persons to attend on the preached word, and by removing prejudices gain access for pastors to families. Except in co-operation, and in conformity with the designs of the gospel ministry, which is by God's special appointment, the influence of private Christians cannot be salutary. "He that receiveth you," says Christ to his commissioned ambassadors, "receiveth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me."

Could there be sent out some ministers-at-large over the country, whose business it should be, not to build up churches of any one denomination, but to labor where the Sabbath is little observed, to get people meeting some where, a power

spread over neighborhoods now little benefitted by ministers of any denomination.

4. Persons should be helped more to meeting. There are numbers, who would attend regularly on public worship, if they had a seat of their own. Would not these be valuable members of a congregation? Would not Christ be pleased to see one of the least of his brethren accommodated for his sake in a house of worship; and would He not, therefore, go there, and manifest himself there by his Spirit?—Some, too, would, but cannot, get to the house of God, by reason of age, of infirmity, of distance, of the weather, or of the travelling. When Christians love the Lord's day and the Lord's house, as they ought, their brethren too, and the souls of men, will they not contrive, by means of their horses and carriages, to help others to meeting? Does not Christ bid us to help to his house the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind? And cannot something of this kind be done? Cannot the world do something of this kind, when they wish to get men to the polls? If they can get the maimed and the halt to meeting on Mondays, they can get them there on Sundays too.

5. Lastly, Christians should cultivate special holiness and heavenliness upon the Lord's day. These interesting anniversary seasons soon end. We meet each other with joy. We pray and sing—and speak and hear—and sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; and then we must part, and months roll round before a similar festival returns. But the day of divine rest returns *weekly*. Let Christians *remember* the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Let the business of the world be completed in season. Let time be taken on Saturday to finish the preparations for the Sabbath. Let every thing be then put in special order, about the yard, the barn, the wood-shed, and the house; in the kitchen, the parlor, the library—about the clothes, papers and books. In short let preparation be made for the Sabbath, that it may be a day of rest for the body and mind—of rest in ceasing from worldly care and toil, and of rest in engaging in spiritual exercises and pleasures. O, send out thy light, thy truth, let them lead me, let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacle. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy. "Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God." Let our eye affect our heart no more with grief by looking on profanations of the Sabbath. May we go with a multitude—may we go with them to the house of God; with the voice of joy and praise, with the multitude that keep holy day. And may the blessed influence of a holy Sabbath be seen to spread over families, neighborhoods and places of business and concourse; and to extend through the week; until the world shall say, Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

The Bible.

The Rev. Joseph Lane, after singing, appeared before the Conference in behalf of this important cause, alluding to its character and momentous bearings. The aggregate amount to which the Branch Societies in Maine are in debt to the American Bible Society is 2366 dollars. Much of this has been due several years.

The following Resolutions, presented by Governor Dunlap and seconded by Rev. S. McKeen and sustained by them with appropriate addresses, were adopted:

Whereas it appears from the facts presented to this meeting by the agent of the American Bible Society, that said Society has peculiarly urgent claims upon the friends of the cause in this State; and whereas the interest of the Bible cause is intimately connected with the best interests of our country, and of the world,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to each church connected with this Conference to take up a collection for the Bible cause at some time in the course of July or August next.

2. That we recommend to the several auxiliary Bible Societies in this State to take measures thoroughly to explore their respective fields of operation, and supply destitute families with a copy of the Bible, and children so for as practicable with a copy of the New Testament, and that we, hereby, pledge to them our hearty co-operation and support in the accomplishment of these objects.

3. That the efforts of the friends of the Bible ought not to be circumscribed by the boundaries of their own towns and counties, but should be vigorously directed to impart the pure light of Divine Revelation to all their fellow men, now destitute of it.

Infant Baptism.

The Rev. J. W. Chickering, chairman of a Committee appointed by last Conference, "to inquire into the disposition and practice of the churches respecting Infant Baptism," submitted the following Report in behalf of the Committee. The Report was listened to with the most absorbing interest, as were also remarks on the same subject, following the reading of it, by the Rev. J. B. Condit. The Report was accepted, and a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Chickering, Dwight and Condit were appointed to prepare a manual as recommended, with leave to draw on the Treasury for defraying expenses.

REPORT.

We have undertaken the duty assigned us, with the strongest impression of its solemnity and importance.

The bare suggestion, that such a work needs to be done, is startling to the mind of one who rejoices in the unchangeable promises of God's parental covenant, and who can say of the Congregational churches of New England, "Their people are my people, and their God is my God." With our deep and joyful trust in the perpetuity of that arrangement by which all believing parents, with their children down to the end of time, are to be blessed with the blessing of faithful Abraham,—and in view of what New England has been made by the early recognition of this great parental principle, and the belief and practice of the churches respecting the consecration of their children to God,—we could not hear even the suggestion, that this precious ordinance might be falling into disrepute and disuse in our churches, without an earnest desire to know the truth, and, if necessary, to apply the remedy. Especially was such a feeling awakened by the fact, that the suggestion came originally from some of the venerable fathers in our churches not of the ministry, who spake with tender and tearful emotion of what they apprehended to be a letting down of the good old Congregational Standard on this subject. Under these circumstances, your Committee have been much gratified to find, from the partial returns which have been received, evidence that, to a very great extent, the ordinance of Infant Baptism is loved and honored in our churches; and that the neglect, which, to a certain extent, has existed, may easily be accounted for, and in a great measure remedied.

The returns have not been sufficiently extensive to enable us to state, even by approximation, the proportion of the baptized to the unbaptized children of suitable age belonging to members of our churches. Deducting, however, those who were beyond the period of infancy, when their parents united with the church, and those whose parents are delaying only for a few weeks,—and those whose mothers are controlled by the strong ob-

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we feared for regret and alarm. Still there *is* neglect—in some churches, *extensive* neglect. There are parents who are indifferent,—others who are doubting, and some who disbelieve the obligation of infant dedication So far as the causes of neglect have been stated to us, they are as follows.

1. The unwillingness of a non-professing husband or wife, which unwillingness either leads to a prohibition, or merely produces a degree of indifference on the part of the professing parent, by which the ordinance is delayed and finally neglected.

2. The admission to Congregational churches of persons who are Baptists in principle on this point, and for whose sake it is waived, though always an implied and generally an express item in the covenant of such churches.

3. The admission of young persons without instruction or inquiry on this point who, through some influence of another kind, before they become parents, or at that time, become anti-pedo-baptists in feeling.

4. The silence of ministers on account of the feelings of those members of their churches who are of this description; which silence, together with the frequent and often irreverent and unkind remarks of some of our Baptist brethren and sisters,—leads others to think that all the argument is on one side.

5. A wish on the part of parents to have their children free to act for themselves, and to become members of Congregational churches by immersion, if they shall see fit, which, if baptized in infancy, they could not be, according to the established principles of Congregationalism; principles, we are sorry to say, occasionally, though very rarely, departed from in this respect.

6. The want of a due solemnity of feeling shown by several parents, who do offer their children in baptism, and their evident forgetfulness of the solemn covenant they thus enter into and the consequent loss of the benefits promised to the *faithful* and *diligent* parent. In this way, the ordinance is dishonored, and while the world at large say to such parents, "What do ye more than others?" their brethren and sisters are encouraged to neglect even the form of that, whose spirit, THEY so inexcusably forget. These causes, together with the prevailing spirit and habit of the age tending to the destruction, rather than the conservation of those old and venerable forms of order and of godliness, which, while they cannot supply the place of its power, may yet be in some measure its safeguards, have made it necessary for some Pastors to report a considerable number of the children in their respective churches as unbaptized.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to dwell upon the great importance of checking, by every kind and suitable means, this tendency to undervalue this precious ordinance of God. If it be desirable that the church and the families of the church should love and honor the Bible and the Sabbath and the Sanctuary and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, then, surely, the holy sacrament of Baptism should not be regarded with indifference, or its neglect viewed as a light evil.

Not only as a privilege, which God kindly continues from the ancient to the new dispensation,—and as a rite consecrated by the almost universal practice of the church, never even disputed by any body of men for the first 1000 years after Christ, but as one of the most powerful aids to the parental education of children for God and to the other means of grace, it should be dear to the heart of every Christian. Your Committee are of opinion, that our churches are not fully aware of the extent to which this ordinance has been blessed, even of late, notwithstanding its partial observance and the very imperfect degree in which its obligations and the duties it implies have been understood and felt. One brother in the ministry has given it as his opinion, that, among those who have been received to the communion of one of our churches within 15 years, scores, at least, have referred to the sight of this ordinance, as one means of spiritual good to their souls.

We have heard of one brother, whose daughter asked permission to mingle in a scene of gay and foolish amusement. What could the mother do? To grant permission would be to send that child, whom she had promised to train up for Christ, into a place where she knew he was neither loved, nor named but in derision. To refuse might alienate and disgust that child, whose love and confidence she had every reason to desire might be retained. What did she? She simply said with kindness, "My dear child, 17 years ago I carried you in my arms to the house of God. Your father and myself, when called upon, stood in the aisle in presence of the congregation. Your father took you from my arms and held you in his own, while the minister baptized you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. As I heard the solemn words, and saw the drops upon your little face, when I again folded you to my heart,—I prayed that you might be a holy child— and I determined as far as in me lay to bring you up for Christ.

Now, my dear child, if you think the scenes of that evening will be proper for you to mingle in—and for me to send you to—I have nothing more to say."

Need it be added, the daughter did not go? Can we doubt that such an appeal was better fitted to do her good, than any sermon or any remonstrance?

One of your Committee had the pleasure, a few years since, to baptize five little girls of one family, on occasion of the profession of their father. The eldest was about 11 years of age. In less than a year she died. And what was her testimony on this point? Often, both before and after the commencement of her long illness, she referred to her baptism. She said that from the moment when she was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, she felt that she belonged to God. Nor was it a mere feeling. Her conduct corresponded with her language; and she died at 12 years of age, as none but Christians can die,—followed afread by her next sister, as another pledge of God's promise to believing and praying parents.

As to the moans of promoting the due observance of the ordinance, our views will be gathered in part from what we have already said of the causes which have led to its neglect. On two or three points, however, it may be well to be more explicit.

In the first place, we think that the subject should receive more attention in the public and private instructions of Pastors, not only to their churches, but to the baptized children and to the congregations generally.

Various causes may operate to prevent a full and frequent exposition of the nature and claims and blessings of Infant Baptism. One has been already mentioned—unwillingness to disturb the feelings of those who doubt or disbelieve the obligation. Another is, the bitter controversial tone in which the whole subject has been so often discussed. Another is, a strong repulsion at the undue and disproportionate prominence given to Baptism by some, who seem to regard it almost as the one thing needful. Another is, the constant pressure of other topics, both of doctrine and of duty, which are directly applicable to every religious society. Still we are satisfied, not only from the nature of the case, but from actual results, that frequent reference to the subject and an occasional course of sermons upon it would not only instruct but deeply interest all classes of a congregation. The Scripture argument in favor of the ordinance—the duties of parents growing out of it,—its moral bearings upon society,—the relation of baptized children to the church,—their duties and responsibilities to their parents and to God;—together with other topics, are among the most interesting points a minister can present from the pulpit.

2. Those mothers, whose husbands feel objections to the public celebration of the ordinance, should be allowed to offer their children private-

is often the case, such a

fessing parent. Very often such parents cheerfully consent and even offer their children in this way, who would be extremely unwilling either to appear in public, or to have their children presented in their absence. Still, in most other cases, the good old way should be retained.

3. Your Committee are of opinion that more caution should be used in admitting persons to our churches, whose views are either unsettled or erroneous on this subject. If they are Baptists in principle, is it not better that they should be so in profession? And do not our churches generally lose more than they gain, when, not satisfied with opening their doors, they take down the door posts and endanger the foundation, in order to receive one individual, who, in all points, perhaps, but that of close communion, belongs elsewhere, rather than in a Congregational church? Union and fellowship are good,—but amalgamation is generally an evil. Let Congregationalism be extended no farther and no faster, than it can retain its distinctive character.

4. Christian parents in our churches, by their diligence in training their children, and in fulfilling the conditions of this precious and everlasting covenant, must honor it, and thus commend it and its blessings secured by their fidelity to the hearts of others. God is not slack concerning his promise. And neither His covenant nor its seal can be despised by those who see its holy provisions complied with and its bright promises secured.

We are sorry to say, that some who differ from us indulge in a strain of irreverent remark respecting what they choose to term "Infant Sprinkling," which they would not employ, if they realized that the ordinance is as dear and sacred to us as any form of Baptism is to them. Let us prize it more highly than ever, and attend to it with deeper solemnity, and follow it by efforts which shall more fully secure its blessings;—and men will honor it as God has honored it; or, at least, good men will be slow to despise and ridicule it.

To these suggestions your Committee would add a single one respecting the action of this Conference as a body on the subject. Deeming it highly desirable, both for the purpose of enabling the established believer in Infant Baptism to meet the arguments of others, and of guiding the minds of the doubting in our churches to a right conclusion, that the subject should be more familiar and accessible to all, than it now is; we would propose the appointment of a Committee to prepare a circular address to the churches, embodying briefly the grounds on which the ordinance rests—removing objections likely to be felt—setting forth the blessings which both the promise and the providence of God have connected with it,—and affectionately urging a more diligent attention both to its performance and to the duties it involves on the part of Christian parents.

All which is repectfully submitted, with the earnest hope that the attention the Conference may bestow upon this subject and the action they may take upon it may have some influence, through the blessing of God, in making the children of the church a seed to serve Him, and a generation to His praise. In behalf of the Committee,

JOHN W. CHICKERING, *Chairman.*

Rev. D. Shepley was rechosen Recording Secretary; and Rev. Charles Freeman, Corresponding Secretary.

Ordained ministers present were invited to sit as honorary members, and take part in the deliberations of the Conference.

[*Tuesday Evening.*—Meeting of Maine Congregational Charitable Society. At 7 o'clock, a Sermon was preached by Rev. T. Pomeroy, prayer by Rev. Allen Greely. Officers chosen; Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D. *President.* William Ladd, *Vice President.* Rev. Charles Freeman, *Secretary.* Rev. David Thurston, *Treasurer.* Rev. Messrs. Allen Greely, J. W. Ellingwood, E. Gillet, D. D., D. M. Mitchell, Samuel Hopkins, George E. Adams and J. B.

Condit, *Trustees.* Preachers for next anniversary, Rev. Carlton Hurd, 1st, Rev. Samuel Hopkins, 2d.]

Wednesday Morning.—At 5 o' clock, devotional exercises were attended at the place of the meeting, and also at the Meeting-house in the neighboring village of Topsham. At the meeting in the former place, an interesting account was given, by Rev. J. P. Richardson, of the work of grace which has been experienced by the churches of the Union Conference.

At 8 o'clock, Conference resumed business, after the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by the Recording Secretary.

Delegates from the Conference to other bodies being called upon for their reports, Rev. R. Page reported that he had attended the meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire, and that he was received with great cordiality.

Theological Seminary at Bangor.

The usual report of the Committee of Conference to visit the Seminary was read by Rev. S. Hopkins. This was followed by remarks from Prof. Pond. The Report was accepted and given to the disposal of the Publishing Committee.

Extracts from the Report.

With the examination of the students, and, with the exercises at the last Anniversary, those of your Committee, who were present on the occasion, were highly gratified. Very pleasing evidence was exhibited, that the method of instruction and of study at the Seminary is such as is fitted to bring forward an efficient ministry,—a ministry, adapted to the exigencies of the church at the present day.

Of the eleven young men, who left the Seminary last fall, three, we are informed, have become settled Pastors in Maine,—four are now preaching in the State, either as stated supplies, or as candidates for the ministry,—one has been laboring in New Hampshire, one in Vermont, and one through want of health is engaged in teaching.

From the same source we learn, also, that of those, who have left the Seminary, during the last three years, fifteen are now settled Pastors in Maine, several are laboring as stated supplies, several are settled in other States, and two have gone as Missionaries to the heathen.

Of the class, who expect to leave the Seminary next Autumn, three are accepted Missionaries of the American Board, a fourth has recently offered himself as a Missionary and a fifth has already a call to settle in one of our most important villages.

The present number of students is forty-four, less by three or four than was reported a year ago. Whether any of the young men of our churches, who are preparing for the ministry, have, in the progress of the last year, gone to other Theological Institutions, your Committee are unable to say; but, they would take this opportunity to express their deep interest on this point. We cannot resist the conviction *that our own Seminary* has paramount claims upon the pious youth in our connection, who are about to enter upon Theological studies; and the Institution must have the sympathies and patronage of our own Christian community in this respect, or it cannot prosper. * * * * *

The buildings connected with the Institution remain as they were a year ago. The accommodations for students in the large Seminary building are excellent. A chapel that shall contain recitation rooms, and a room for the Library, is greatly needed. Houses for Professors are to be ready in the fall.

The Professors remain as last year. One, however, (the Professor of Literature) has recently been el

dom College. It is confidently hoped that this Professorship will be filled in the fall. The chair of Ecclesiastical History is still vacant. The labors of that department are sustained, at present, as they have been for several years past, by Professor Pond.

The course of study is essentially the same as in past years. Public lectures, we are informed, during the last year, have been more frequent than before; and, it is thought, the year, thus far, has been characterized by unusual diligence in study.

The boarding establishment, it is stated, has been managed, during the year, with great economy, and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Boarding, including washing and mending is furnished at one dollar and thirty five cents per week, and the hope is expressed, that it may be lower than this during the summer.

Considering, therefore, the cheapness of board here, and also the fact, that the price of board constitutes almost the only item of expense to the student, no charge being made for tuition, room-rent, use of Library, &c. it will be seen, that the expenses are as low at this Institution, to say the least, as at any Seminary in the country.

Of the property, belonging to the Institution, the debts due, and the present state of the funds, the following facts have been furnished us.

The property belonging to the Institution consists of Buildings, Library, Philosophical Apparatus, &c, worth	$33,427
Furniture worth,	1,500
Lands, (exclusive of the very valuable lot on which the buildings are situated,)	5,000
Bank Stock,	1,630
Total,	$41,557
Debts due to the Institution, consisting of subscriptions, notes, &c.	110,235

Of this sum, 32,620 dollars are considered as *lost* to the institution. A portion of this lost debt consists of notes against beneficiaries, who are not able to pay; notes and subscriptions of long standing, where the subscribers are either dead or removed,—and subscriptions of individuals, who have lost their property in the late commercial distresses of the country. Deducting 32,620 dollars, the lost debt, from 110,235, the whole amount due to the Institution, leaves 77,615 dollars. Of this latter sum 34,977 dollars are regarded as *doubtful*. A portion of this doubtful sum may be paid, and probably will be, especially if the times should become more favorable. But some part of it will probably fail. Deducting the sum regarded as doubtful from 77,615 dollars leaves 42,638 dollars due to the Institution, which is regarded as good. But, of this 10,943 dollars goes into a permanent fund, leaving 31,695, which is available to meet current expenses. And it is supposed, that it will be several years yet before all this latter sum can be collected.

The current expenses of the Institution are estimated at 5,300 dollars annually; and the Institution is owing about 3000 dollars, 2,500 of which must be paid the present year.

Such is a general statement of facts in relation to the Seminary. Aside from the question of funds, the condition of the Institution is prosperous.

The past year, it is stated, has been, thus far, peaceful and pleasant.—The health of the students has been, almost uniformly good—their attention to study diligent; their deportment exemplary.

And here the committee would take occasion to remark, that such favorable testimony in relation to the *moral* as well as the *intellectual* habits of the students they cannot but highly appreciate. The exigencies of the church at this day are such as demand ministers that are "*strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*," as well as skilful in the word of righteousness; men "*full of faith and of the Holy Ghost*," whose deep-toned

piety is known and read of all, making it manifest, that God is in them of a truth. * * * * * * * *

The churches in our connection in Maine owe it to themselves—they owe it to Christ, and to a world lying in wickedness, to see, that their Theological Institution is not crippled and embarrassed in its operations. No friend of Zion amongst us, it is presumed, is willing to admit the idea, that the Seminary can be *spared*, and that we must become dependent on other States to train up and qualify our young men to become the Pastors of our churches, or perhaps, leaving us destitute, go forth to labor in other sections of the vineyard.

The Institution, then must be sustained. It is too nearly connected with the best interests of our churches, and the eternal good of the generation, that is to come, to be suffered by us to *die*, or to maintain only a feeble existence. From the statements, which have been exhibited, it is manifest, that the Institution is worth saving, even in a pecuniary view. Its property amounts to 41,557 dollars, exclusive of the lot on which the buildings stand, which is estimated, as we are informed, at not less than 25,000 dollars. It has also, good debts amounting to 42,638 dollars, making the aggregate sum of 109,195 dollars. In whatever view, then, we look at the subject, the friends of the Institution are admonished against being weary in well-doing, and are powerfully urged still to give this object of their care, their prompt and effective support. We believe, that the King of Zion has more signal purposes of mercy respecting this Seminary than have yet been disclosed—that it is destined to occupy a still higher place in the affections of the church, to awaken her to more fervent supplications in its behalf—to command the more bountiful benefactions of the Christian community, and down to distant generations to make glad the city of our God. The Committee would conclude by repeating the recommendation that subscribers to the Seminary, so far as possible, pay up their subscriptions the present year; and, if farther means should be needed, that collections be taken up among individuals, and in places from which little or nothing was pledged, in 1835. We commend the Institution to God, and to the sympathies and confidence of all the disciples of Christ. In behalf of the Committee,

North Yarmouth, June 10th, 1839. C. HOBART.

At 9 o'clock, the Conference adjourned to give place to the Maine Missionary Society, and the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, to whose interests the following hours of the day were devoted.

[*Meeting of Maine Missionary Society.* Rev. W. T. Dwight in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Cogswell of Boston. The Annual Report, prepared by Rev. Dr. Gillett, was read at his request, by Rev. Dr. Tappan.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Munsell, seconded by Rev. Mr. Mather and Rev. Mr. Carruthers:

Resolved, That the Report now read, be accepted and printed under the direction of the Trustees.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Pond, seconded by Rev. Charles Walker from Vermont:

Resolved, That during the current year, the Maine Missionary Society ought to be able to afford efficient help to all those feeble churches within the State, which, in the judgment of the Trustees, are proper objects of its beneficence.

On motion of Rev. Joel Parker from New York, delegate from the American Home Missionary Society:

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isters of the gospel as pastors; and whereas it furnishes employment of the most extensive, safe, and efficient character for the activity of the church, at the present day; therefore,

Resolved, That this society, as a branch of that institution, is entitled to the warm encouragement and support of this whole community.

The Society chose its officers, and adjourned to the afternoon; when prayer was offered by Rev. Jotham Sewall, Sen. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. William T. Dwight, from 1 Tim. 3: 15. *The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*

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First preacher for the next meeting, Rev. Elijah Jones. Second preacher, Rev. George E. Adams.

Education Society. Meeting followed that of the Missionary Society. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Condit; the Annual Report read by Rev. Dr. Tappan. Resolutions were offered and addresses made by Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Secretary of the Parent Society, by the Rev. J. W. Chickering and Rev. Joel Parker of New York.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

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Prof. William Smyth, Brunswick, *Treasurer.*

Other Directors. Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. W. Ellingwood, G. E. Adams, A. Cummings, D. M. Mitchell and D. Shepley.]

Wednesday Evening.—The whole evening, till a late hour was occupied by the Rev. Robert Baird, in giving an account of the state of religion in Europe, and the open and promising field for evangelical effort in that country.

Thursday Morning.—Prayer meetings at 5 o'clock, as on the preceding day. At 8 o'clock, Rev. Thomas Adams read the Scriptures and led in prayer, after which business was resumed.

The Committee of nominations reported, and the following appointments were made:

DELEGATES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. T. Pomeroy, Bro. R. P. Dunlap. *Substitutes*, Rev. S. Thurston, Bro. Levi Cutter.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. A. Rankin, Rev. J. W. Chickering. *Substitutes*, Rev. B. Rice, Rev. Sewall Tenney.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Isaac Weston, Rev. S. D. Ward. *Substitutes*, Rev. O. Sikes, Rev. Nathaniel Chapman.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. E. F. Cutter, Rev. J. Sewall, Jr. *Substitutes*, Rev. Clark Perry, Rev. Thomas Jameson.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Rev. I. Rogers. *Substitutes*, Rev. Josiah Peet, Rev. S. S. Tappan.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Carlton Hurd. *Substitute*, Rev. Wm. T. Dwight.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor.

Cumberland,	Rev. David Shepley,
York,	Rev. John Haven,
Lincoln,	Bro. Wilmot Wood,
Kennebec,	Rev. Timothy Davis,
Oxford,	Rev. Charles Frost,
Somerset,	Rev. Josiah Peet,
Hancock and Waldo,	Bro. Solyman Heath,
Franklin,	Bro. Hiram Belcher,
Penobscot,	Rev. Wooster Parker,
Washington,	Bro. George Downes,
Union,	Rev. John A. Douglass.

Preacher for next meeting. Rev. David Shepley. *Substitute*, Rev. Robert Crossett.

The credentials of Rev. Edwin Holt, as delegate to this Conference from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (the body of which Rev. B. Dickinson was Moderator) were received, and his excuse for not attending; also a resolution of that Assembly inviting Corresponding Bodies to "a continuance of correspondence on the terms on which it has previously existed irrespective of the legal question."

Voted, That the Delegates to the General Assembly be instructed to attend the meeting of the Body which has invited a continuance of correspondence.

Voted, That this Conference invite a correspondence with the Assembly of which Rev. Dr. Wilson was the last Moderator, and that the Recording Secretary be directed to communicate this vote.

The chairman of the Committee of Arrangements moved that Resolutions presented them touching the subject of Slavery be submitted to a committee to be appointed by Conference, to report at the next meeting. The question being taken by yeas and nays, on a motion for indefinite postponement of the subject, it was postponed.

Foreign Evangelical Society of the United States.

The General Conference, having heard from the Rev. Mr. Baird a full statement of the objects and claims of the 'Foreign Evangelical Society of the United States,' and of the openings in the providence of God, which now exist in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain and other nominally Christian countries in Europe, as well as in some portions of South America and in Lower Canada, for the entrance and diffusion of pure Christianity, do cordially commend the said Society and its objects to the churches in its connexion, and recommend, that it be liberally aided by their prayers and their

ions.

American Tract Society.

The Rev. S. Bliss, Secretary of the American Tract Society, in behalf of said Society proposed in reference to the circulation of the bound volumes of the Society in this State:

That each County Conference select and appoint a suitable agent, who shall devote himself to the circulation of these volumes, until all the accessible families within its bounds are supplied—the Tract Society to defray the expenses of this arrangement. Whereupon,

Resolved, 1. That this Conference receive with gratitude the proposal of the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society, and that a Committee be now appointed consisting of one member from each local Conference for the purpose of carrying that proposal into effect within their respective limits.

2. That it be recommended to the churches connected with this Conference to raise $2000, as a donation to the American Tract Society, for the purpose of aiding them in their foreign operations.

Committee raised under the first of these resolutions consists of Rev. Messrs. Thomas Williams, Benjamin Tappan, D. D., J. R. Munsell, Charles Walker, Samuel Sewall, Joseph Searle, Sewall Tenney, Silas McKeen, John Boynton, Oren Sikes, William Davenport and Simeon Hackett.

Correspondence with Southern Ecclesiastical Bodies.

The Rev. Asa Cummings, from the committee appointed at the last meeting to correspond with Southern Ecclesiastical Bodies on the subject of Slavery reported in part at this hour. The reading of this Report was finished in the afternoon, when,

Voted, That the letter from the Tombeckbee Presbytery, which constituted a part of the report of the Committee, be printed together with an answer to the same, and forwarded to the above named Presbytery, with the request that they will publish it.

Voted, That the Committee be directed to ask leave to publish a letter received by them from another Presbytery, which was in part read in their report.

The Rev. J. B. Condit being appointed to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal from the State of the Rev. Dr. Allen, the Committee was continued for another year, and authorised to draw on the Treasurer of Conference for the amount of expenses, which have been, or which may be, incurred by them, in the discharge of their duties.

At 9 o'clock, public services commenced. Prayer by Rev. Josiah Tucker. The Report on the State of Religion was made by Rev. Charles Freeman, Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. William A. Stearns presented the state of the churches in Massachusetts; Rev. John K. Young, of those in New Hampshire; and Rev. Charles Walker, of those in Vermont. The Rev. Joel Parker from New York, and the Rev. President Beecher from Illinois, though not delegates, made statements relative to the condition of portions of the Presbyterian Church.

Thursday Afternoon.—Rev. E. G. Parsons led in prayer. The Conference Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Pond from Mark 14: 72. *When he thought thereon, he wept.* In the administration of the sacrament to a large assembly of professed followers of Christ, the Rev. Mr. Ide, from Medway, Mass. and the Rev. Wm. T. Dwight of Portland, officiated.

The Secretaries, with the Rev. Asa Cummings, were appointed *the Publishing Committee.*

To the above Committee was submitted without being read, for want of time, a Report on the Permanency of the Pastoral Relation, by Rev. Charles Freeman.

Voted, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the inhabitants of Brunswick and of Topsham, for their hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their valuable assistance in the devotional exercises.

The next meeting of the General Conference is to be in Hallowell, on Tuesday next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1840, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Messrs. E. Thurston, B. Tappan, D. D., and Enos Merrill.

D. SHEPLEY, *Recording Secretary.*

Report on the State of the Churches.

In our survey of the churches connected with the General Conference of Maine, we pass as usual from the East to the West. Washington Conference embraces fifteen churches with eight pastors and one stated supply. Some blessing has been bestowed upon the church in Pembroke; and in Robbinston twenty two have professed their faith in Christ, eleven of whom are Sabbath scholars. In Hancock and Waldo Conference are sixteen churches with twelve pastors and two stated supplies. Several churches have been refreshed by the shedding down of the Spirit. To the church in Belfast, twenty eight have been added by profession. But Deer Isle has enjoyed the most rich and abundant blessing. Religion revived in connexion with the meeting of the County Conference there, which was protracted. One hundred and fifty two have already confessed Christ before men. Sixty of these joined the church in one day. It was an affecting scene. Within ten years the members of the Conference have doubled in number.

In the twenty seven churches scattered throughout the two large counties of Penobscot and Piscataquis, and which comprise the Penobscot Conference, there are now only six settled pastors, and five stated supplies for seven churches. In Lincoln Conference are eighteen churches, four[illegible] pastors and one stated supply.

ington, which has long been low, has been blessed with some revival of religion, with a house of worship and with a pastor. In Union, the prospect is brightening. In Thomaston eight or ten have been hopefully converted in the Congregational Society. In Waldoboro' the influences of the Holy Spirit have been enjoyed; and some special attention to religion has existed in Wiscasset.

Kennebec Conference has seventeen churches, six pastors and one stated supply. Some have been made the subjects of renewing grace at Albion, within a few weeks. In Augusta, God has turned numbers from darkness to light. In Somerset Conference are twelve churches with five pastors and three stated supplies. In Bingham, Solon and Norridgewock there has been increased attention to the means of grace. In the last mentioned place good has resulted from a series of meetings held by four denominations united. Franklin Conference has been organized during the year in the County of Franklin, from churches connected with the Kennebec and Somerset Conferences. It embraces thirteen churches having nine pastors. In Weld, religion has revived. Oxford Conference has twelve churches in its connexion; one of them, Shelburne, is in New Hampshire. The pastors are seven, and the stated supplies two. From nearly all the churches reported, present appearances are encouraging; and in five or six churches there has been some special attention to religion. In Bethel, the revival has been great. Fifty eight were added to the church there in one day. The greater part of them were members of the Sabbath School, and about twenty more between the ages of ten and eighteen are hopefully converted. About twenty families have commenced daily prayer. It is thought about one hundred have been converted in Bethel since February. In Gilead there had been about twenty conversions when the Oxford Conference met there.

Union Conference embraces thirteen churches in Cumberland and Oxford Counties. It has ten pastors and one stated supply. Every one of the churches has within a few months been blessed with the special influences of the Holy Spirit. This revival commenced in Harrison, and extended through the length and breadth of the Conference. It originated in a united effort of various evangelical denominations. Otisfield, Harrison, Waterford and Bridgton have been favored above other towns. One hundred and ninety six have

been received into the churches on a profession of their faith, and forty stand propounded. The revival has most happily promoted peace and harmony in the churches, and produced more vigorous efforts to advance the cause of Christ through the world.

Cumberland Conference numbers twenty nine churches with nineteen pastors. The Holy Spirit in his converting influences has generally been withheld from the churches; but several churches have been blessed to a limited extent for very short periods. There have been added by profession, to the church in Durham, 19; Falmouth 2d, 27; Lewiston, 14; Minot, 32; Portland 2d, 15; Portland 3d, 25; High Street, 14; eleven stand propounded to the church in Windham.

York Conference embraces twenty five churches, having fifteen pastors and five stated supplies. Six have been settled as pastors or stated supplies during the year. God has here shed down his Spirit, especially on Sabbath scholars. Some blessing has come down on Biddeford, 1st church, Buxton, and Kennebunkport. In Elliot there have been about thirty conversions, and in York about forty. The north western section of the County has been visited by the Holy Spirit, and in Newfield, Limerick, and Limington sinners have turned to the Saviour, and about thirty conversions are numbered in each of these towns. In Parsonsfield too there has recently been an interesting revival. In Lyman, also, about thirty, mostly of the youth and connected with the Sabbath school, have entertained a hope in the Saviour's love.

In surveying the whole territory of the General Conference we find 197 churches, with 130 pastors or stated supplies. To these there have been added by profession, 986; by letter, 249; there have been removed by death, 201; by dismission, 243; by exclusion, 43. The whole number of members is, 15,607.

Harmony has prevailed in the churches and among the ministers. The doctrines which are as old as New England and the Reformation, as old indeed as Christianity, are firmly held. The steady habits of our fathers as to religious ordinances are preserved, it is believed, as well as in any part of the Union, where Congregationalism prevails. About one sixth, however, of the ministers laboring in the churches [illegible] supplies. Sabbath [illegible]

than ever, and where the Holy Spirit has been shed down, they have shared very largely in the heavenly influence. The usual contributions are made to religious charities. Seamen are remembered, though not enough, at the throne of grace. The cause of the enslaved and oppressed is pleaded by some with God and man. The temperance reformation advances. Order and discipline in the churches are more attended to. The bringing up of children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, is more occupying the minds and affections of the people of God. Attendance on public worship increases; and a disposition prevails to support the ministry of the word; although in some parts of the state the ability to do it is greatly impaired by the embarrassments of the times. But there is a general absence of the converting influences of the Holy Spirit; and there is a want of that fervor, faith and activity in Christians, which commonly attend the revival of religion in the church and the world. Some departments of Christian benevolence are neglected from their not presenting exciting facts and motives; or from not being duly brought before the churches, or from being crowded out of sight by various other important and interesting Christian objects. Among these too much neglected objects may be enumerated Theological Education, the Bible Cause, the Evangelical Volume Enterprise, the Cause of Peace, and the Tract Distribution. In short we may lament that so many corners and large plots here and there in the gospel field are left uncultivated.

At this close of another ecclesiastical year we may repeat the words of the Apostle, But this I say, brethren, the time is short. We find empty the seat of one who has been among the most constant attendants on these anniversaries since the Conference was formed, and indeed since the Maine Missionary Society was organized, more than thirty years ago. We shall see no more at these meetings the face of our brother Chapin. The Master came and called for him; and he is we trust with him, with whom he held communion on earth, and whose word he so long and humbly and faithfully preached. But the deaths among the ministers have been few; and Christ has called into his vineyard more than he has called away; and we trust that on the surviving Elishas there will fall a double portion of the Spirit of the ascending Elijahs; and that the ark of God will be carried forward by steadier, stronger and holier hands

than those which now bear it. As in our fathers' days, so now, the preached word has been the power of God to salvation; especially along the western border of the State. Let us then, brethren, believe in the promises of God. Let us pray and labor in faith. God hath spoken good concerning Israel. He says, My Spirit yet remaineth among you. Fear ye not. Believe, pray, and labor then. Hear God say, Prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room to receive it.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

UNION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albany	G. F. Tewksbury	12	1	2	2		71	
Bridgton	C. F. Page	29	2	2	4		109	
Bridgton South	J. P. Fessenden	20	3				63	
Bridgton North	Jos. Searle	19	1		4		45	
Brownfield	David Gerry, s. s.	1	1	3	1		34	
Denmark	D. Gerry, s. s.	12		1			42	
Fryeburg	Carlton Hurd	1	1	1	2	1	230	
Harrison	Jos. Searle	28	5		2	1	86	
Hiram	D. Gerry, s. s.					1	25	
Lovell	I. Hills		2	4	1		87	
Otisfield	J. P. Richardson	38	1		2		155	
Sweden	Eaton Mason	13					56	
Waterford	J. A. Douglass	23	6	5	8		192	
13	10	196	23	18	26	3	1195	

SOMERSET.

Anson	Levi Loring	2	2		1	16	
Athens	"	1	2		1	12	
Bingham	J. Tucker					85	
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway					110	
Cornville						13	
Fairfield						23	
Madison	J. Tucker, s. s.					25	
Mercer	Oren Sikes	4	1	1	2	71	2
New Portland	John Perham, s. s.					18	
Norridgewock	J. Peet		1	1		100	7
Solon	Geo. W. Fargo s.s.					45	
St. Albans	N. Douglass	3	2			39	3
8							

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Baldwin	Noah Emerson			1	1		21	
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams	5	4	3	1	1	155	
Cape Elizabeth							44	
Cumberland	Isaac Weston			5	4		165	7
Danville							8	
Durham		19		1			54	9
Falmouth 1st	Charles Dame	1		1	4		115	6
Falmouth 2d	J. B. Stevens	27	3	2			71	10
Freeport	E. G. Parsons	4	4	4	2	1	170	32
Gorham	T. Pomeroy	11	3		3		185	6
Gray	N. W. Sheldon	3		3	2		58	
Harpswell						1	25	
Hebron&WMinot					2		45	
Lewiston		14	5	1	3		80	13
Minot	Elijah Jones	32		5	2	4	275	24
New Gloucester	S. H. Shepley	6	5	4		1	134	20
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley	2	4	1	9		246	16
" 2d	Caleb Hobart			1		2	101	4
Poland	Thos. Williams		3				86	
Portland 2d	J. B. Condit	15	9	8	11	3	389	4
" 3d	W. T. Dwight	25	9	2	5	1	257	28
" High St.	J. W. Chickering	14	21	5	9		247	
Pownal				1	3		118	
Raymond							13	
Saccarappa				3	1	2	63	
Scarborough	Thos. Jameson	1					116	5
Standish	Clark Perry	2		1			76	3
Westbrook		1		1	6		102	
Windham	J. W. Shepard	2	1	1	1		54	5
29	19	184	71	54	69	16	3473	191

LINCOLN.

Alna	Enos Merrill	3	1	1	1		74	7
Bath 1st	J. W. Ellingwood						240	
Bath 2d	Ray Palmer		3				76	5
Boothbay	D. Cushman	6	1	4	1	2	111	17
Bremen					2		23	5
Bristol							46	
Edgecomb	J. T. Hawes, s. s.						138	5
New Castle	J. Sewall, Jr.		1	1			89	
Phipsburg	Jno. Boynton	13	2	3	3	1	208	15
Thomaston	R. Woodhull	7	2	2		1	112	6
Thomaston East	S. C. Fessenden	4	3				25	2
Topsham	N. Lord	1				1	103	
Union		4	2			1	36	2
Waldoboro'	D. M. Mitchell	8	1		1		169	13
Warren	E. F. Cutter	4	1	2	2		119	7
Washington	J. G. Merrill	1	4				47	
Wiscasset	W. L. Mather	3	8		3		120	17
Woolwich	J. C. Goss						68	
18	14	54	29	13	13	6	1801	101

PENOBSCOT.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Bangor 1st	S. L. Pomroy	9	11	1	5		290	18
" Hammond st.	John Maltby	1	11	2	3	2	180	
Blanchard							32	
Brewer 1st	W. Parker, s. s.		1	5	3		89	
" East	J. R. Munsell, s. s.				2		84	
Brownville	Wm. S. Sewall s.s.	1			5		60	
Bradford							7	
Burlington							6	
Dexter	S. S. Drake, s. s.						15	
Dixmont	S. L. Gould, s. s.		1	3	1		32	
Exeter							18	
Foxcroft	Elias Wells	1	3			2	87	11
Garland	S. S. Drake, s. s.	4	1	1	1		39	7
Guilford							12	
Hampden	B. Tappan, Jr.	1	3	2	2		96	6
Levant	Robert Page		2				55	3
Lincoln			1				36	
Milo							4	
Monson					4		59	
Orono 1st	Wm. W. Thayer	6			7		54	
" 2d Old Town							25	
Orrington		1	4	1	1		74	
Sangerville		4	2				21	
Sebec	Wm. S.Sewall,s.s.						16	
Williamsburgh							6	
North Bangor							12	
Glenburn							14	
27	11	28	40	15	34	4	1430	45

KENNEBEC.

Albion	J. E. Wilkins, s. s.	2		1			34	
Augusta North							55	
Augusta South	B. Tappan, D. D.	5	4	1	2		177	7
Clinton							21	
Gardiner							42	
Hallowell	Eli Thurston	8	6		3	2	238	
Litchfield	Timothy Davis		1		3	1	83	
Pittston							42	
Readfield		1			1	1	16	
Sidney							15	
Unity	J. E. Wilkins, s. s.	3					27	
Vassalboro' 1st							30	
" South							25	
Waterville	Calvin E. Park	3	5	1	5		68	2
Windsor							32	
Winslow	Henry C. Jewett			1			51	3
Winthrop	David Thurston						134	
17	7	22	16	4	14	4	1090	12

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Acton	Clement Parker	10	1	2			56	7
Alfred	A. W. Fisk, s. s.		3	2	4		132	4
Biddeford 1st				2	1	1	102	8
" 2d	H. A. Merrill, s. s.	2	1	1	1		69	
Buxton	Benj. Rice	3		2	4		82	4
Eliot	Elisha Bacon	16	1	2	4		143	
Kennebunk				1	1		67	
Kennebunkport 1st	Silas Baker, s. s.				3		72	
" North							5	
" South	John Baker, s. s.	12	1	3			83	
Kittery	Tobias H. Miller						34	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring	3		2			126	
Limerick	Chas. Freeman	11		2	5	2	91	9
Limington	Ivory Kimball	16		1	1		69	18
Lyman	S. B. Gilbert, s. s.	3		1	3		154	3
Newfield	D. P. Smith	23	3	2	2		70	20
Parsonsfield	Samuel Ordway			2	4		43	2
Saco	Samuel Hopkins	6	1	4	1	1	232	33
Sanford					5		63	
Shapleigh							4	
South Berwick	Andrew Rankin	6	1	4	3		130	8
Wells 1st	Jonas Colburn	11		5	3		251	17
Wells 2d	Chas. Walker			2			71	
York 1st	—— Haven	4	4	8			98	
York 2d	Samuel Stone						14	
25	20	113	16	48	45	4	2261	74

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Aurora		4					17	5
Belfast 1st	Silas McKeen	28	7	3	7	2	145	24
Bluehill	Albert Cole	14	2	3	1		170	20
Brooksville	Geo. W. Adams	4		1			45	8
Bucksport	Mighill Blood	1		2	1		105	
Camden	Nath'l Chapman	8	4	1	1		146	7
Castine, Trin. Ch.	B. B. Beckwith		1				77	1
Deer Isle,	Jona. Adams, s. s.	152		1	1		210	129
Ellsworth	Sewall Tenney	1	1	5	3		109	16
Frankfort	S. S. Tappan	7	1		3		70	14
Jackson & Brooks	Luther Wiswall		1		1		53	1
Knox and vicinity				1			26	1
Mt. Desert	M. W. Strickland	1		7			142	8
Prospect	S. Thurston	2	2		1	2	187	28
Sedgewick	Manning Ellis, s.s.	5					52	3
Swanville	George Brown		1		2		39	2
16	14	227	22	24	21	4	1594	267

FRANKLIN.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Chesterville	Daniel Sewall	2		1	1		50	1
Farmington	Isaac Rogers	2	1	3	2		106	4
Fayette	David Sewall						16	
Industry	John Perham	3	1	2			59	3
Kingfield							10	
New Portland	John Perham	3	1				22	5
New Sharon	Jos. Underwood			1			65	
New Vineyard	David Turner	2		2			19	
Phillips	G. W. Fargo	3					43	
Strong	William May	1		1	1		115	3
Temple	Simeon Hacket				2		88	
Weld		5		2	2		76	2
Wilton	Samuel Talbot	3	1	1	1		52	2
13	9	24	4	13	9		721	20

OXFORD.

Andover	A. Hubbard, s. s.						47	
Bethel	Charles Frost	64	4				168	
Dixfield	Wm. V. Jordan		2				32	
Gilead	H. Richardson, s. s.						45	
Norway	Charles Soule		2				75	
Oxford	Isaac Carlton						33	
Paris North								
Paris South	Joseph Walker						103	
Rumford				1			72	
Shelburne, N. H.	H. Richardson *							
Sumner	Samuel Sewall *						84	
Turner	Allen Greely *		1				59	
12	9	81	10	10		4	718	

The totals only in the columns of additions and removals were reported. Except in a few cases most of the totals of members were taken from the table of last year.

WASHINGTON.

Calais		9	6				104	9
Cherryfield	Horatio Ilsley	1	1				13	5
Cooper							11	
Dennysville	R. Crossett	1			1	1	78	6
East Machias	T. T. Stone	1	1		1		97	2
Eastport	M. P. Stickney	4			3		78	2
Houlton								
Lubec								
Machias	S. D. Ward		1				119	2
Machias Port	Gilman Bacheller						51	12
Northfield							9	
Pembroke	W. T. Savage, s.s.	9	1				33	12
Perry	Wm. Davenport					1	79	
Robbinston	W. T. Savage, s.s.	22			3		63	
Whitneyville							11	
	8	4						

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	No. chs.	No. Pas.	Additions. Prof	letter	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ba.
Cumberland,	29	19	184	71	54	69	16	3473	191
Franklin,	13	9	24	4	13	9		721	20
Hancock and Waldo,	16	14	227	22	24	21	4	1594	267
Kennebec,	17	7	22	16	4	14	4	1090	12
Lincoln,	18	15	54	29	13	13	6	1801	101
Oxford,	12	9	81	10	10		4	718	
Penobscot,	27	11	28	40	15	34		1430	45
Somerset,	12	8	10	8	2	4		557	12
Union,	13	10	196	23	18	26	3	1195	
Washington,	15	8	47	10		8	2	767	50
York,	25	20	113	16	48	45	4	2261	117
11	197	130	986	249	201	243	43	15607	815

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Rev. Elijah Kellogg, Portland.
Rev. Eliphalet Gillett, D. D. Hallowell, Sec. of Maine Miss. Society.
Rev. Amasa Smith, Cumberland.
Rev. Caleb Bradley, Westbrook.
Rev. Jonathan Calef, Lyman.
Rev. Jonathan Belden, Hallowell.
Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D. Prof. of Theol. Seminary, Bangor.
Rev. John L. Parkhurst, Standish.
Rev. Thomas Adams, Augusta.
Rev. Asa Cummings, Portland, Editor of Christian Mirror.
Rev. George Shepard, Prof. of Sac. Rhet. and Eccl. Hist. Bangor.
Rev. Thomas Tenney, Gorham Teacher's Seminary.
Rev. Leonard Woods, jr. Prof. Sac. Lit. Pres. elect of Bowdoin College.
Rev. James Carruthers, Portland.

EXTRA CONFERENCE MATTER. As many, who attend the annual meeting, are accustomed to look for a sketch of all the transactions of the occasion in the pamphlet containing the "Minutes,"—the Committee have, this year, agreeably to Rule 9, inserted a brief account of the proceedings of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, the Maine Missionary Society, and the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, in the order of their occurrence.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

As adopted at the Annual Meeting in Brunswick, June 1839.

ART. I. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Maine.

ART. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen;—and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches, two ministers, and two laymen; and also of the officers, delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the times for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. III. The Union Conference, though not *bounded by County lines*, is admitted a member of this body with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

ART. IV. Ordained ministers, who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

ART. V. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

ART. VI. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. VII. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office for three years.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. X. This Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock, A. M. at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meetings of this Conference shall be opened with singing—reading the scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the scriptures and prayer.

ART. XII. At each meeting of the Conference a Committee of Arrangements consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through their hands and with their approbation.

ART. XIII. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. XIV. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connexion, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. XV. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. XVI. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. XVII. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two thirds of the members present.

RULES.

1. At the time appointed for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution;—or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers, as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

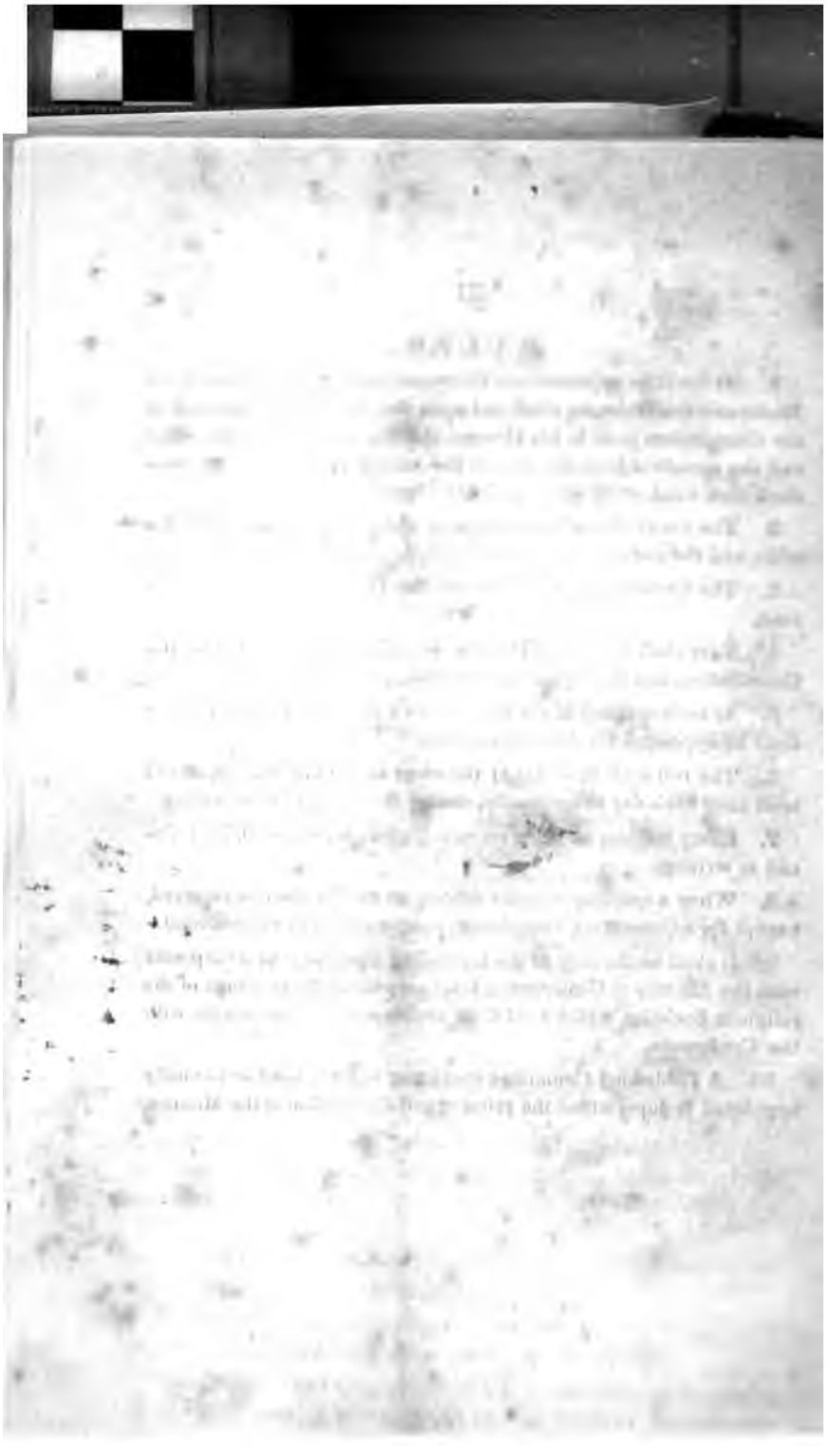
6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement or commitment.

9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connexion with the Conference.

10. A Publishing Committee consisting of three shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.



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OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN HALLOWELL,

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at Hallowell, in the Old South Meeting House, June 23, 1840, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present as members the following Delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

York.	Rev. Joseph Loring, Rev. A. W. Fisk, Bro. Reuben Buck,
Cumberland.	Rev. H. B. Chapin, Rev. S. H. Shepley, Rev. Charles Dame, Bro. Edward Little, Bro. Seth Storer, Bro. Paul E. Merrill.
Kennebec.	Rev. David Thurston, Rev. Herman Stinson, Dea. Daniel Carr, Bro. Enoch S. Tappan.
Somerset.	Rev. George W. Hathaway, Dea. William W. Dinsmore.
Franklin.	Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, Rev. John Perham, Bro. Cornelius Norton, Bro. Joshua Bullen.
Union.	Rev. I. Hills, Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, Bro. Charles Washburn, Dea. Aaron Cummings.
Oxford.	Rev. Allen Greely, Rev. Isaac Carleton, Bro. J. B. Barrell.
Penobscot.	Rev. George Shepard, Rev. Benj. Tappan, Jr. Rev. William S. Sewall, Dea. George Brown, Bro. Thomas H. Sanford, Bro. E. H. Boardman.
Lincoln.	Rev. J. C. Goss, Rev. Richard Woodhull, Bro. Ebenezer Arnold.
Hancock & Waldo.	Rev. E. B. Beckwith, Rev. Luther Wiswall.
Washington.	None.

MEMBERS *ex-officiis.*

Rev. Swan L. Pomroy, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles Freeman, *Cor. Secretary*; Rev. David Shepley, *Rec. Secretary*; Rev. George E. Adams, *Treasurer*; Rev. Messrs. Eli Thurston, Benjamin Tappan, D.D., Enos Merrill, William T. Dwight, J. B. Condit, Asa Cummings, Silas McKeen, E. F. Cutter, Charles Frost, Caleb Hobart, John A. Douglass, Thomas Williams, Simeon Hackett, Samuel Sewall, Timothy Davis, J. R. Munsell, Charles Walker, Joseph Searle, Sewall Tenney, John Haven, Josiah Peet, Wooster Parker and William Davenport, *Members of Committees.*

Corresponding Bodies.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Phineas Cook;
" " of Massachusetts, } None.
" " of Connecticut, }
" Convention of Vermont, }
Evan. Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. A Henry Dumont.
General Assembly of Presb. Church, of which Rev. Mr. Wisner was last Moderator, } Rev. Wm. Patton, D. D.

At the hour appointed for the meeting, the Moderator being absent, the Conference was called to order by the Recording Secretary, when Rev. Swan L. Pomroy was chosen Moderator *pro tem.* The meeting was opened with the reading of the scriptures, singing and prayer.

Such Delegates to the Corresponding Bodies, as were present, and had attended to the duties assigned them, made their Report, and the Constitution and Rules of the Conference were read.

Rev. Swan L. Pomroy was elected Moderator of the Conference for three years ensuing.

Rev. Messrs. J. B. Condit, W. Parker and E. F. Cutter, were appointed Committee of nominations.

Ordained ministers present, not members of the Conference, were invited to sit as honorary members and take part in the deliberations.

The committee of Arrangements reported devotional exercises for the morning. Their report was accepted. The same committee afterwards, from time to time, reported the exercises of the meeting.

At 11 o'clock, a sermon was preached by Rev. A. H. Dumont of Rhode Island, from Heb. ii. 10, "*It became him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*" Prayer before the sermon was offered by Rev. Prof. Shepard

Tuesday Afternoon.—One hour from 2 o'clock was employed in devotional exercises. Prayers were offered by Rev. Mr Cook of New Hampshire, Rev. Messrs. Davis and McKeen, and addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Dwight and Hathaway.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. T. Adams addressed the Conference, as the organ of the Maine Temperance Union. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Patton of New York.

Resolved, That since the Temperance Reform has done much not only to remove the physical sufferings and to promote the temporal prosperity of the human family, but also to increase the moral power of the Church, therefore, this Conference recommend to all the churches connected with this body, that they decide this question: Shall the Maine Temperance

Union be sustained in its operations? and that all the churches deciding this question in the affirmative be requested to take up a contribution annually for the Union

REVIVALS.

The remaining time of the afternoon was occupied in statements of the *characteristics* of revivals of the present year. These were made by Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston, Carleton, Condit, Pomroy and Dr. Patton.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 oclock.

[*Tuesday Evening.*—Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society. Rev. Mr. Hurd preached the annual sermon from 2. Tim. i. 17, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*" Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cogswell. Officers Chosen: Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., *President*; William Ladd, *Vice President*; Rev. Charles Freeman, *Secretary*; Rev. David Thurston, *Treasurer*; Rev. Messrs. Allen Greely, J. W. Ellingwood, E. Gillet, D. D., D. M. Mitchell, Samuel Hopkins, George E. Adams and J. B. Condit, *Trustees*. Preachers for next anniversary, Rev. Samuel Hopkins, 1st; Rev. J. B. Condit, 2d.]

Wednesday Morning.—At 5 o'clock there was a devotional meeting on this, and the following morning.

At 8 o'clock, Conference met in the vestry of the church. The scriptures were read and Rev. Mr. Blood led in prayer.

After the calling of the roll, the Report of the Treasurer having been audited by Edward Little, before appointed for the purpose, was read and accepted. Dea. Joseph Libbey of Portland, was chosen *Treasurer* of the Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SOUTHERN ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES.

Rev. A. Cummings, in behalf of the Committee to correspond with Southern Ecclesiastical Bodies, reported—whereupon

Voted, 1. That the Report be accepted.

2. That the Treasuser of the Conference be instructed to pay to Rev. Asa Cummings the sum that remains due for defraying the expenses of publishing and circulating the reply of our Committee to the Tombecbee Presbytery.

3. That a provisional Committee be appointed to make suitable replies to any communications that may be received from Southern Presbyteries during the coming year.

4. That the Conference highly approve the manner in which the committee appointed to correspond with Southern Churches have performed the duties assigned them, and that solemn prayer to God be now offered, that their able defence of the truth in regard to slave-holding may be followed with the special blessing of heaven.

The brethren, who have heretofore conducted the correspondence with Southern Ecclesiastical bodies, were appointed the committee for the purpose specified in the above vote.

Prayer was offered by the Conference in relation to this subject, in which service Dr. Patton led.

At 9 o'clock, the Conference adjourned to 6 1-2 o'clock P. M., to give place to the Maine Missionary Society, and the Maine Branch of the American Education Society.

[*Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society.*—Rev. William T. Dwight, President, led in prayer. The Annual Report prepared by Dr. Gillett, Corresponding Secretary, was by his request read by Dr. Tappan. Resolutions were then presented, in connexion with which addresses

were made by Rev. Messers. Lovejoy, J. Lane, Carruthers, Chapin, G. E. Adams, S. Thurston, Condit, and Dr. Patton of New York, which occupied the hours of the forenoon.

The Society chose its officers and adjourned to the afternoon, when the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Elijah Jones. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sawtell, American Chaplain at Havre, in France.

OFFICERS.

Rev. William T. Dwight, *President*;

Rev. Charles Freeman, *Vice President*;

Rev. Eliphalet Gillett, D. D., *Recording and Corresponding Secretary;*

Woodbury Storer, Esq., *Treasurer* ;

Trustees.—The President, *ex-officio*, Rev. Messrs. E. Gillet, D. D. David Thurston, B. Tappan, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, D. M. Mitchell, Asa Cummings, Swan L. Pomroy, Woodbury Storer, Esq., David Dunlap, Esq. and Rev. Silas McKeen.

First preacher for the next meeting, Rev. Geo. E. Adams ; second preacher, Rev S. D. Ward.]

[*Education Society.*—Meeting followed that of the Missionary Society. David Dunlap Esq., in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Park; the Annual Report read by Rev. Dr. Tappan. Resolutions were offered and addresses made by Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Rev. E. F. Cutter and Rev. Dr. Patton.

OFFICERS.

Hon. R. P. Dunlap, *President* ;

David Dunlap, } *Vice Presidents.*
William Richardson, }

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., *Secretary*;

Prof. William Smyth, Brunswick, *Treasurer;*

Other Directors.—Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. W. Ellingwood, G. E. Adams, A. Cummings, D. M. Mitchell and D. Shepley.]

At 6 o'clock, the Conference resumed business. Rev. I. Rogers led in prayer. The Committee on the subject of Infant Baptism made their Report which was accepted.

The Committee of Nominations reported, and the following appointments were made :

DELEGATES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Engles was last Moderator.

Rev. Asa Cummings and Bro. Asa Redington, Jr. *Substitutes*—Rev. Eli Thurston and Bro. Williams Emmons.

To the Gen. Assembly of which Rev. Mr. Wisner was last Moderator.

Rev. Stephen Thurston and Bro. Levi Cutter. *Substitutes*—Rev. Ray Palmer and Bro. Ether Shepley.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Benjamin Rice and Rev. Sewall Tenney. *Substitutes*—Rev. J. B. Condit and Rev. Robert Page.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Oren Sikes and Rev. Nathaniel Chapman. *Substitutes*—Rev. John Haven and Rev. David Shepley.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Clark Perry and Rev. Thomas Jameson. *Substitutes*—Rev. Charles Dame and Rev. B. B. Beckwith.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Josiah Peet and Rev. S. S. Tappan. *Substitutes*—Rev. John Maltby and Rev. G. W. Hathaway.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. William T. Dwight. *Substitute*—Rev. E. F. Cutter.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor.

CUMBERLAND,	Rev. Geo. E. Adams,
YORK,	Rev. Charles Walker,
LINCOLN,	Dea. Samuel Morse,
KENNEBEC,	Bro. S. K. Gilman,
OXFORD,	Rev. H. Richardson,
SOMERSET,	Bro. James Bowen,
HANCOCK & WALDO,	Rev. Silas McKeen,
FRANKLIN,	Rev. John Perham,
PENOBSCOT,	Rev. Robert Page,
WASHINGTON,	Dea. William A. Crocker,
UNION,	Rev. G. F. Tewksbury.

First preacher, Rev. Robert Crossett. Second, Rev. Isaac Rogers.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. S. D. Ward, Rev. T. T. Stone and Rev. Robert Crossett.

At 7 o'clock public services were commenced. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. E. Adams.

PEACE.

Mr. Ladd spread this cause before the Conference, in its bearings on revivals, on Home and Foreign Missions, on the Bible cause, that of temperance and the interests of humanity and religion generally.

Resolved. That the cause of peace deserves a greater share of the prayers and the support of the christian public, than it has hitherto received.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The claims of the American Board upon the Churches, at the present crisis, were earnestly presented by agents of the Board, Rev. Messrs. Breed and Clark.

SEAMEN.

Rev. Mr. Sawtell, Chaplain to seamen in Havre, France, addressed the Conference in a highly interesting manner on the claims of seamen, urging the importance of sustaining establishments for their benefit generally, and particularly at Havre, the great thoroughfare between this nation and Europe, as well as between England and Paris. After a collection for the object, the exercises of the evening were closed with a doxology and the benediction.

Thursday Morning.—The Conference met at 8 o'clock in the vestry. Rev. Ray Palmer led in prayer.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to communicate with the Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Nova Scotia, requesting intercourse between them and the Conference by the reciprocal appointment of delegates from one body to the other.

At 9 o'clock, the more public services were commenced. Rev. A. Cummings read the scriptures and led in prayer.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev. Seth Bliss, Secretary of the American Tract Society, called the attention of the Conference to the importance and power of the Christian press in evangelizing the world. The sum of $1800 had

been expended in Maine the past year, while only $500 had been paid by her.

Bangor Seminary.

The report of the visiting Committee of Conference was read by Rev. Wooster Parker and referred to the Publishing Committee.

REPORT.

The annual examination of the classes on the week of the anniversary was quite satisfactory; evincing the ability and fidelity of the Instructors, in the discharge of their duties, and at least, an ordinary success, on the part of the students, in the prosecution of their studies.

The public exercises of the anniversary were acceptable and interesting, reputable alike to the individuals and the Institution. In general, it was sufficiently apparent in the performances of the students, both as to matter and manner, that they had been well employed and well aided in their preparatory course, to excite the pleasing hope that they will prove acceptable and successful preachers of the gospel. The class which left the seminary at that time consisted of 18. Of these *three* are accepted missionaries of the Am. Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and are expecting, ere long, to go to their destined field of labor beyond the Rocky Mountains. Of the remaining *fifteen* of the class, *four* have become settled pastors; *four* are laboring as stated supplies; *four* are still pursuing their studies, and *three* are laboring as candidates for the ministry.

Students. The present number of students connected with the Institution is forty-three; twelve of whom have entered since the last anniversary. Three have entered the Junior class since the catalogue for the year was published.

The year has been one of uninterrupted peace and harmony in the Seminary. The students have been diligent and successful in their studies. During the last winter and spring they have shared richly in the reviving influence, with which the churches in Bangor have been blessed. In many instances their prayers and efforts for the conversion of souls have been heard and blessed of God.

Officers. The Professorship of Sacred Literature, made vacant by the election of Prof. Woods to the Presidency of Bowdoin College, has been satisfactorily filled. In other respects, the officers of the Institution, and the course of instruction, remain as they were last year.

Buildings. The buildings belonging to the institution, are: 1. Maine Hall, containing (besides 4 public rooms) 28 rooms for students, which are all finished and furnished. 2. A Boarding House, containing, in addition to a dining hall and kitchen, rooms sufficient for a small family; also rooms for the convenience of students in case of sickness, and a recitation room for the Classical School. 3. Two professors' houses which have been furnished during the past year.

Commons. The boarding establishment, for the last several years, has been entirely in the hands of the students. It is managed by them with great economy, and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Board, including washing and mending, is furnished at from $1,25 to $1,33 per week.

Library. The Library of the Institution consists of about 6000 volumes, the most of which have been selected with special reference to the wants of Theological Students. Owing to the scarcity of money no very considerable additions have been made to it during the last year.

PROPERTY. The property of the Institution consists of the following items.

Buildings valued at	$25,500
7 1-2 acres of land on which the buildings stand, estimated at	15,000
Other lands in different places, estimated at	7 800
Bell.	300
Library, (6000 volumes,)	6,500
Philosophical Apparatus	525
Bank stock,	1,700
Furniture,	1,600
Notes which are considered *good*,	33,877
Notes considered *doubtful*, but a part of which may be paid, 34,977 —estimated worth	10,000
Notes which are considered of no value and not taken into this estimate, 32,620	
Total	$102,802

This estimate shows, as nearly as may be, the amount of property belonging to the Institution, and how much the Institution is worth, in a pecuniary point of view, to the churches.

It will be perceived, that only a part of the above amount is *available*, or ever can be, to meet the current expenses of the Institution. The buildings, the land on which they stand, the library, the bell, the furniture &c. are wanted for use, and cannot be sold. Of the remainder of the property, which is available, a considerable part is funded, and only the interest can be used And of the remaining part, the avails cannot be realized at once. Lands cannot be sold, without being sacrificed; and subscriptions of large sums which it is hoped, will ultimately be paid, cannot be realized at once as they become due. The consequence is, that though the Institution is not poor, it is as much straitened for means to meet current expenses, as if it were poor ; and the Trustees have been under the necessity of resorting to loans, the last year, in order to meet necessary obligations.

DEBTS. The present debts of the Institution amount to about $7,500, a part of which must be paid the present year. To pay debts, and meet current expenses, a very considerable sum will be needed the present year; more, it is believed, than can be collected from existing subscriptions. This is the condition in which the Institution now stands. To meet the difficulty of the case, your committee feel constrained to recommend, in the *first place*, that the expenses be kept as low as they possibly can be, without sacrificing important interests. *Secondly*, that collections be made from existing subscribers, as far as may be without distressing the liberal friends of the Seminary,—and *thirdly*, that if more be needed, collections be taken up for this purpose.

The committee are unwilling the churches should be called upon, in the present state of things, any farther than is absolutely necessary. But we are sure we speak the sentiments and feeling of all the churches when we say, *the Institution must not be abandoned. It must not be essentially crippled in its operations for want of means.* The churches of this State are too poor to give up their Seminary, or see it wither, If they are to prosper, this Institution must be kept prosperous. Though it should demand an effort which can but with difficulty be made, this were better than to see it crippled and depressed. The churches have too much capital in the seminary to lose. They cannot afford to let it sink. They have funds there to the amount of $100,000 and more. They have instructors there, whose services, in training up men for the ministry, they cannot afford to lose. Too many of them have now, or have prospectively, ministers training there, which they cannot afford to do without.

The whole number of licensed preachers which have proceeded from the Seminary, since it first went into operation, is 125. Of this number, 70 *are now laboring in the state of Maine*; and nearly all of them as pastors or stated supplies to the churches. Only *four* of the whole number have died. Of the remaining number, some have gone to the distant heathen; some are in the great valley of the West; and some are settled as pastors in other states of New England. Not one is known to have forfeited his Christian character by immoralities; and but one is known to have departed from the evangelical faith. No less than 52 licensed preachers have been furnished at this Seminary *within the last four years*, and more than half of them are now laboring within this State, for the most part as pastors or preachers of the gospel.

This Institution is every year repaying the churches for all that is done to sustain it, and if it can be carried on, its support will soon be easier, and it will be more extensively useful.

The Committee would have urged upon the churches, not only the importance of sustaining the Institution by the necessary funds, but also of patronizing it by furnishing *students*. Young men looking to the ministry, need not go out of the State. The expenses are as low here as at other Seminaries, as much assistance is here afforded to the indigent, and on the whole, the advantages are as good as at any other seminary; and we would have it urged upon the attention of the young men of Maine, who are looking forward to the ministry, that it is better for the churches, better for the seminary, and better for themselves, that they pursue their Theological Studies at Bangor.

In closing, your Committee would remark, that the Classical School has been continued the last year as formerly. It has been under the Superintendance of Mr. Wm. W. Rand, a member of the Senior Class in the Theol. Seminary, assisted by other Theol. students. The usual number of scholars has been about 30.

Almost all the young men in this school are preparing for College. Very few if any of them contemplate entering the Theol. Seminary without first obtaining a collegiate education. This school has been highly useful in past years, and it is so still, in helping pious young men through the first stage of their preparatory course. But your Committee are so impressed with the importance of economy in regard to expenses, and of sustaining the Theol. Seminary, as of fundamental value, that they feel constrained to recommend, that the classical school be for the present suspended; or at least, that it be put upon such a foundation that the Trustees shall incur no expense, in money, on account of it.

By order of the Committee

WOOSTER PARKER.

Hallowell, June 24th. 1840.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The narrative on the state of religion in Maine was given by Rev. C. Freeman, Cor. Secretary; the same in New Hampshire by Rev. Phineas Cook; in Massachusetts (by letter) from the Rev. Dr. Jenks of Boston and Rev. Mr. Smalley of Worcester; in Rhode Island by Rev. A. H. Dumont; in the Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. Patton; and in France by Rev. Mr. Sawtell.

A letter was read from the Congregational Union of England and Wales and addressed to the Conference, and renewing assurances of interest and desire for correspondence.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John S. C. Abbott from Massachusetts.

Thursday Afternoon.—The Conference met in the vestry at 1 o'clock. Rev. D. Thurston led in prayer.

A letter to the Corresponding Secretary was read, also the form of

a letter from him to the Congregational Union of England and Wales. The last was ordered to be signed by him and the Moderator and forwarded.

At 2 o'clock the public services were commenced in the Meeting House. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. Parker. The Bible cause was advocated by Rev. J. Lane.

The Conference Sermon before communion, was preached by Rev. D. Shepley, from 1. Cor. 9: 27. *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away.* The Sacrament was administered by Rev. Messrs. Cook and Pomroy; the closing address by Rev. Mr. Sawtell.

The Secretaries and Rev. Asa Cummings were appointed *Publishing Committee.*

Voted. That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the inhabitants of Hallowell, for their hospitality, and to the choir of singers for their valuable assistance in the devotional services.

The next meeting of the General Conference is to be held at Machias, on Tuesday next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1841 at 9 o'clock, A. M.

D. SHEPLEY, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In our review of the churches connected with the General Conference, as we survey them from the North-East to the South-West, we begin with a new district.

The new county of Aroostook, comprising part of the disputed territory, now contains three Congregational churches, Houlton, Monticello, and Number Four. There have been revivals the past year in the following places: Hodgdon, New-Limerick, Smyrna, Belfast-Academy-Grant, Monticello, and the northerly part of Houlton.

Washington Conference has been signally blessed. Religion has been revived in nearly all the churches; a large number have already professed their faith in Christ; others at the date of the report were propounded: and more were expected to come forward. Various means have been blessed; and among them are noticed days of fasting and prayer and protracted meetings. In this Conference are fifteen churches.

In the Hancock and Waldo Conference are seventeen churches, with fourteen pastors and stated supplies. Most of the churches have yet to lament that very few souls are brought into the fold of Christ. Still there is cause of grat-

titude. The church in Mount Desert, after a long season of spiritual barrenness, is now enjoying a revival. In October last the second church in Prospect was organized, and a Pastor was ordained. Vital piety was then at a low ebb, and so continued for some time. But on the first Sabbath of the present year, the Holy Spirit came down upon the First church and congregation, and a powerful revival of religion commenced, which soon extended to the Second church. As the fruits of this revival, ninety have been added to the First church, and twenty-six to the Second; besides sixty-nine, who have united with other denominations. It is an interesting feature of this revival, that it commenced without any special visible effort on the part of the church, or any unusual pastoral visitation or labor. In the *ordinary* use of the *ordinary* means of grace, the King of Zion appeared in his glory. Nor during the revival were the weekly meetings of the church increased to any extent beyond the usual number, with perhaps the exception of an occasional day of fasting and prayer.

In the Penobscot Conference are twenty-six churches, seven pastors, and four stated supplies. It is judged that there have been three hundred converts in the recent revivals in the two churches in Bangor; and thirty at Old Town; and the same number in the First Society in Brewer. Several of the smaller churches have been partially revived, and in some of them the prospect is encouraging. The darkness, which brooded over the Conference a year since, has passed, and God has lifted upon his people the light of his countenance, whereof they are glad.

The Lincoln Conference embraces eighteen churches with fifteen pastors. Two or three of the churches have shared to some extent in the work of divine grace with which God has been blessing His Zion. In Boothbay and Topsham, especially, extensive revivals of religion are reported, which furnish occasion for devout gratitude. In New Castle and in Bath also, special manifestations of the presence of the Holy Spirit have been witnessed in the quickening of the Lord's people, and in the hopeful conversion of souls.

Seven of the seventeen churches in Kennebec Conference have pastors, and there are three stated supplies who labor with their respective churches a certain portion of the time, from one third to more than one half. Six rely prin-

cipally or entirely on occasional preaching. Some of the churches are in a sad and declining state. Some of them are gaining strength, and the congregations connected with them are increasing. Some have been made glad by the conversion of sinners around them. One society consists almost wholly of professors and children; and there are not more than six or eight adults at meeting who are not professors.

Somerset Conference has eleven churches with five pastors and two stated supplies. On several of the churches some divine influence has been bestowed. The church in Mercer, by means of affliction in the death of several of its members, and the use of special means of grace, has been stirred up to greater spirituality, and a few hopeful conversions have taken place. The meeting of the Conference in Bloomfield, in September last, resulted in good to that place. It was followed with a season of quickening and increased spirituality in the church, and of religious attention among others, and resulted in the hopeful conversion of a number, from which fifteen have been added to the church.

Franklin Conference has thirteen churches and eight pastors. From many of the churches the converting influences of the Holy Spirit have been withheld, but others have been owned and blessed of God. On Chesterville a few mercy drops have fallen. In Farmington recently some gracious quickenings of the Spirit have been experienced. An interesting service was held in September last at Flagg Staff, on Dead River, in the wilderness, when seven candidates were examined, and received as members of the church in Industry, by the Pastor and a committee of that church. Fifteen were at the same time baptized. A union protracted meeting was greatly blessed to Industry—the church was revived, backsliders were reclaimed, and some sinners were hopefully converted. In New Portland special desire and special prayer for the revival of religion in the families of the church was manifestly blessed to those families. In New Sharon has been some pleasing attention to religion, and in New Vineyard have been some favorable indications.

Oxford Conference numbers twelve churches and nine pastors.

The church in Bethel has received by profession, ten or twelve; Paris South, twenty-two; and Oxford, twenty-eight. The work of grace in Oxford was peculiarly inter-

esting. In Andover is more than usual interest in religious subjects. The same is true of Dixfield. A revival is in progress in Sumner and Norway. In the latter place between sixty and seventy have hope, in all denominations.

Union Conference has thirteen churches and ten pastors. The year has not been so distinguished for revivals as the previous year, yet God has still manifested his favor toward them. Otisfield has again been visited in mercy. Portions of the town, which were but partially affected by former revivals, have shared in the present season of refreshing. In Bridgton, North Bridgton, and Harrison, some souls have been hopefully converted. Though on some subjects of interest to the churches, a difference of opinion exists, yet at no time has a better spirit prevailed in the Conference than now, or a more hearty co-operation of all the members in the cause of Christ.

Cnmberland contains twenty-nine churches with twenty pastors. An unpleasant fact which presents itself in other portions of our Zion, presents itself here too,—the great instability of the pastoral relation, several ministers having been dismissed and several settled during the year. But it is cause of gratitude that the year has been one of spiritual refreshing. About one half of the churches are or have been blessed with revivals. Those most signally favored are Brunswick, Falmouth, First and Second, Portland, Second Third, and High Street, Freeport, Harpswell, North Yarmouth, and some others.

The twenty-five churches of York Conference have twelve pastors and seven stated supplies. Some of these churches have been greatly blessed. Acton has received by profession twenty-three, Biddeford, First church, seventeen, York, Second church, twelve, and Limerick thirty.—Eliot numbers many hopeful converts, Alfred, twenty, Lebanon, between forty-five and fifty, Wells, First Parish, sixty, Wells, Second Parish, a goodly company, South Berwick, twenty, and Sanford, one hundred. In Limington, Christians have been revived in prayer, and some unbelievers have been awakened. Other churches too have had some blessing.

The General Conference of Maine comprises eleven Conferences, containing in all 196 churches, with 136 pastors and stated supplies, and including several churches in Aroostook county, and several not reported in any Confer-

ence, and ministers not officiating in any particular church, there are 201 churches, and 142 ministers. The additions by profession are, 1,023, and by letter 274, in all, 1,297. The removals are, by death 169, by dismission 302, and by excommunication 51 ; in all 522 ; leaving an increase of 501, and making the whole number 16,308. The volume enterprise of the American Tract Society has done much good. Sabbath schools flourish. The cause of Temperance in some parts of the State advances, through the labors of Temperance agents. The benevolent objects of the day are sustained. God has blessed the churches in a high degree with truth and peace. Our Theological Seminary at Bangor, though it suffers with other institutions, and with individuals, from the pressure of the times, is in a healthy condition in other respects. It promises to be a blessing to the churches at home, and to the nations abroad. There are some indications in the reports of the Conferences, that the churches are becoming more stable in sustaining the pastoral relation ; although in one Conference the stated supplies have increased from five to seven, owing chiefly to the feeble state of the religious societies. Many of our churches are young, small, and weak, but in general they have a gradual growth, and some of them, within a few months, have been greatly refreshed and strengthened, by the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. The year has been distinguished by a remarkable revival of religion. It has spread along the sea coast from the Piscataqua to the Saint Croix. It has revived churches that, in spiritual things, were in the region and shadow of death. It has wrought on very diverse characters,—it has redeemed the slaves of intemperance, and it has converted church members. It has caused broken down family altars to be repaired. It has led to Christ aged sinners of three-score years and ten ; and it has brought to him the lambs of the flock, especially from the Sabbath school. It has raised the standard of holiness among Christians. The work has extended here and there back through the country ; and hope is widely enkindled of much more powerful, pure and extensive revivals, than the church of Christ on earth has yet enjoyed. God claims from his people for his undeserved mercies, the tribute of adoration. The glory of this work is eminently His. Him would we praise. "Him first, him most, him last, and without end."

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Baldwin	Noah Emerson			2	1		19	
Brunswick	Geo. E.Adams	29	2	3	7	1	175	
Cape Elizabeth							44	
Cumberland		6		2	6		161	13
Danville							8	
Durham							54	
Falmouth 1st	Charles Dame	18	7	5	6	2	114	36
Falmouth 2d	J. B. Stevens	7	3		4	2	76	5
Freeport	E. G. Parsons	45	4	3	5		212	48
Gorham	John S. Davenport	2		4	15		159	13
Gray	N. W. Shelden				2		56	4
Harpswell		15					40	
Hebron&WMinot							45	
Lewiston	H. B. Chapin			2	2		72	5
Minot	Elijah Jones	1		3	1	1	271	4
New Gloucester	S. H. Shepley	2	5	2			170	9
N Yarmouth 1st	D. Shepley	4	5	4	6	1	255	19
N Yarmouth 2d	C. Hobart		4	3	2		97	7
Poland	T. Williams		1	1			82	2
Portland 2d	J. B. Condit	4	10	4	15	5	379	13
Portland 3d	W. T. Dwight	10	5	3	9	1	260	17
" High St.	J. W. Chickering	12	8		12		247	
Pownal	Ariel P. Chute		2	1	5		120	5
Raymond				1	1		11	
Saccarappa	John H. Mordough	5					68	
Scarborough	Daniel Sewall s. s.	5		2	1		104	
Standish	Clark Perry		2	2			76	
Westbrook	Jotham Sewall, Jr.		3	1	4		98	2
Windham	Wm. Warren	1					55	
20	22	192	61	48	104	13	3528	202

UNION.

Albany	G. F. Tewksbury	11	1	1		1	82	
Bridgton	C. F. Page	6		3	4		108	
" South	Jos. P. Fessenden	7			2	1	62	
" North	Jos. Searle	1	2	1	2		45	
Brownfield	D. Gerry	4	1				39	
Denmark							42	
Fryeburg	Carlton Hurd	33		2	3		250	
Harrison	Jos. Searle	7	1				94	
Hiram	D. Gerry						23	
Lovell	I. Hills	15		7			97	
Otisfield	J. P. Richardson	22	4	2			180	
Sweden	E. Mason	2	1				57	
Waterford	J. A. Douglass	28	1	4	5	1	210	
13	10	136	11	17	16	3	1289	

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Acton	Clement Parker	23	1	3	3		71	18
Alfred	A. W. Fisk s. s.	1	3	1		1	132	7
Biddeford 1st	J. W. Shepard s. s.	17	1	4	11		102	22
" 2d							69	
Buxton	Benj. Rice	5		1			86	7
Eliot		9	2	1	1	2	149	
Kennebunk	G. W. Creassey						67	
Kenneb'kport 1st	Silas Baker s. s.		2	2	1		71	
" N.							5	
" S.	John Baker s.s.						83	
Kittery							34	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring	6					125	
Limerick	Charles Freeman	30	4		2		123	24
Limington	H. A. Merrill s. s.	10		2	1		76	
Lyman	Daniel Kendrick ss						154	
Newfield	S. B. Gilbert.	2		2	1		71	
Parsonsfield	S. Ordway	6		2	1	1	47	5
Saco	Samuel Hopkins		6	3	3	1	231	4
Sanford	G. W. Bourne		1		3		40	
Shapleigh		1		1			4	
South Berwick							130	
Wells 1st	Jonas Colburn	1		2	2		249	18
" 2d	Chas. Walker	4	3	2			75	
York 1st	John Haven	11			1		107	
" 2d	Samuel Stone	12	2				27	
5	19	138	25	26	30	5	2328	105

HANCOCK & WALDO.

*Aurora							17	
Belfast 1st	Silas McKeen	7	4		2	1	177	10
Bluehill	Albert Cole	2	2	1	1	1	170	16
Brooksville							45	
Bucksport	Mighill Blood	2		3	1		102	
Camden	Nath'l Chapman	1	1	3	4	2	140	10
Castine Trin. Ch.	B. B. Beckwith						77	
Deer Isle	Jona. Adams s.s.	3		2		5	206	28
*Ellsworth	Sewall Tenney			4	5		109	
*Frankfort	S. S. Tappan						70	
Jackson & Brooks	Luther Wiswall	1	3	3	2		55	1
Knox & Vicinity	J. H. Conant s. s.				1		25	1
*Mt. Desert	M. W. Strickland	4		2	1		142	5
Prospect 1st	Stephen Thurston	92	1	3	18	1	258	60
" 2d	J. P. Stone	26	22				48	
*Sedgewick	Manning Ellis s. s.						52	
*Swanville							39	
17	14	138	33	21	35	10	1737	131

***The resident members only are now, for the first time, included in the statement of this Church, which reconciles the apparent discrepancy between its statistics of this year and the last.**

OXFORD.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Andover	A. Hubbard s. s.	2					40	
Bethel	Charles Frost	11	1				170	
Dixfield	W. V. Jordan.	1		1			35	4
Gilead	H. Richardson	7	1				52	1
Norway	Charles Soule	13					85	
Oxford	Isaac Carlton	26	2	1			60	24
Paris North								
Paris South	Jos. Walker	22	2		6		128	16
Rumford							72	
Shelburne N. H.	H. Richardson	1					8	
Sumner	Samuel Sewall	2	1		1		76	1
Turner	Allen Greely			1			70	
12	9	85	7	3	7		796	46

WASHINGTON.

Calais	S. K. Keeler	9					106	
Cherryfield							13	
Cooper							11	
Dennysville	R. Crossett						77	
Eastport		2					66	
Lubec							26	
Machias	S. D. Ward	10					128	
Machiasport	Gilman Batcheller	16					63	
Mechisses	T. T. Stone	27					119	
Northfield							9	
Pembroke	W. T. Savage s. s.						32	
Perry	Wm. Davenport	35					114	
Robbinston	W. T. Savage s. s.						62	
Whitneyville		33					56	
Whiting		8					16	
15	7	140					898	

FRANKLIN.

Chesterville					2		48	
Farmington	Isaac Rogers		2	1	1		106	1
Fayette				1	1		15	
Industry	John Perham	14		1		1	70	19
Kingfield							10	
New Portland	John Perham	5			2		24	10
New Sharon	J. T. Hawes	11					76	
New Vineyard	David Turner						20	4
Phillips							42	9
Strong	Wm. May	2		1			113	
Temple	Simeon Hackett	2	2		2		90	
Weld	E. Fobes	2		2	2		65	2
Wilton	S. Talbot			1	1		50	
13	8	36	4	7	11	1	729	45

KENNEBEC.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albion	J. E. Wilkins s.s.	2					36	
Augusta N.				2	1	1	51	
Augusta S.	B. Tappan	12	6		7		188	16
Clinton							21	
Gardiner	A. C. Adams	2	3				47	
Hallowell	E. Thurston		5	2	6	2	233	
Litchfield	Timo. Davis			3	2		78	
Pittston							42	
Readfield	Geo. C. Hyde s. s.	3	1			1	19	
Sidney							15	
Unity	J. E. Wilkins	3					30	5
Vassalboro' 1st							30	
" South							25	
Waterville	C. E. Park	1	4	3			70	4
Windsor	J. C. Means	1					33	
Winslow	Henry C. Jewett			1			56	5
Winthrop	David Thurston	1	2	3	6		128	
17	9	25	21	14	22		1102	33

PENOBSCOT.

Bangor 1st	S. L. Pomroy	5	14	4	15	3	287	22
" Ham'd St.	John Maltby	9	9	1	4	2	192	15
" North					3		9	2
Blanchard							32	
Brewer 1st	W. Parker s. s.	2	8	1	1	1	96	7
" 2d	J. R. Munsell s. s.	1	5	1			88	6
Brownvillle	W. S. Sewall 1-2 t.						63	2
Bradford	J Sawyer						8	
Burlington							6	
Dexter	S.S.Drake 1-2 time	4					19	1
Dixmont						3	29	
Exeter							18	
Foxcroft	Elias Wells		3		3		83	8
Glenburn							19	1
Garland	S. S. Drake 1-2 t.		1	1	1		38	4
Hampden	B. Tappan Jr	7	5	1	4		100	18
Levant	Robert Page	4	3				62	2
Lincoln		1	1	1	1	1	41	1
Milo							4	
Monson			2	1	2		57	2
Old Town			1		4		15	
Orono 1st		7	1	1	9		52	6
Orrington	P. S. Beverly s. s.		2	2	4		68	
Sangerville			10		2	1	30	6
Sebec	W. S. Sewall 1-2 t	2	4	2			18	2
Williamsburg							6	
26	11	42	69	16	53	11	1440	105

LINCOLN.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Alna	Enos Merrill	1	2	2	1		74	
Bath 1st	J. W. Ellingwood	1	4	1	3		234	14
*Bath 2d	Ray Palmer						76	
*Boothbay	D. Cushman						111	
*Bremen							23	
*Bristol	S. L. Gould						46	
*Edgecomb							138	1
*New Castle	Edwin Seabury						89	
Phipsburg				1	2		207	6
Thomaston 1st	R. Woodhull	2		3	3	1	107	7
" 2d	S. C. Fessenden	2	2				29	6
*Topsham	N. Lord						103	
*Union	Horatio Ilsley s.s.	5	14				48	1
Waldoboro'	D. M. Mitchell	12		3		1	175	20
Warren	E. F. Cutter	2	1		4		115	4
Washington	J. G. Merrill	9	1	1	2		54	14
Wiscasset	W. L. Mather	11		1	4		126	9
*Woolwich	J. C. Goss						65	
18	15	45	24	12	19	2	1820	82

*No returns received. No. of members taken from Minutes of last year.

SOMERSET.

Anson	L. Loring, s. s.		2		2		16	
Athens	L. Loring s. s.		2				14	
Bingham	J. Tucker	9		1			93	
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway	15			1		129	
Cornville							13	
Fairfield							23	
Madison	J. Tucker, s. s.	1					25	
Mercer	Oren Sikes	6		4	2		71	16
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet					2	98	
Solon	G. W. Fargo, s. s.						45	
St. Albans	N. Douglass	5					44	
11	7	36	4	5	5	2	571	16

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS NOT RECKONED IN ANY OF THE TABLES OF CONFERENCES.

Fish's Mills, No. 4 & vicinity, Aroostook Co.	James Gooch s.s.		9				9	
Houlton, do.	*C. C. Beaman s.s.	10	6				34	
Monticello do.							5	
Jonesboro, Wash.							8	
Lisbon, Lincoln Co	Stephen Merrill ss.	5	9				14	
Ministers without charge—officiating as preachers	9							
5	12	15	24				70	

*Mr. Beman, as United States' Chaplain, preaches to the military in Houlton and the church attend on his preaching.

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	No. chs.	No. Pas.	Additions. Prof	Additions. letter	Removals. D'th	Removals. Dis.	Removals. Ex.	Tot.	Bap.
Cumberland	29	21	192	61	48	104	13	3528	202
Franklin	13	8	36	4	7	11	1	729	
Hancock & Waldo	17	14	138	33	21	35	10	1737	131
Kennebec	17	9	25	21	14	22	4	1102	30
Lincoln	18	15	45	24	12	19	2	1820	80
Oxford	12	9	85	7	3	7		796	46
Penobscot	26	11	42	69	16	53	11	1440	105
Somerset	11	7	36	4	5	5	2	571	
Union	13	10	136	11	17	16	3	1289	
Washington	15	7	140					898	
York	25	19	138	25	26	30	5	2328	105
11	196	130	1013	259	169	302	51	16238	575
Churches and ministers not reported in connexion with the conferences as above.	5	12	15	24				70	
	201	142	1028	283	169	302	51	16308	575

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Solomon Adams, Portland.
Thomas Adams, Augusta, Editor. of Temperance Gazette.
Weston B. Adams.
Jonathan Belden, Hallowell.
John Boynton, Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley, Westbrook,
Jona. Calef, Lyman.
James Carruthers, Portland.
Asa Cummings, " Ed. of Christian Mirror.
Eliphalet Gillett, D. D. Hallowell, Sec'y of Maine Miss,'y Society.
Thomas Jameson, Gorham.
Elijah Kellogg, Portland.
Ivory Kimball.
Joseph C. Lovejoy, Hallowell, Agent Maine Temp. Society.
Cyril Pearl, Gorham.
Enoch Pond, D. D., Prof. in Theol. Seminary, Bangor.
Jetham Sewall, Chesterville.
George Shepard, Prof. in Theol. Seminary, Bangor.
Amsa Smith, Cumberland.
David Starrett, Augusta.
Harmon Stinson, Gardiner.
Isaac Weston.
Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D., Pres. Bowdoin College.
Franklin Yeaton, Gorham.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

As adopted at the Annual Meeting in Brunswick, June 1839.

Art. I. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Maine.

Art. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen:—and four delegates from each County Conference which has less then twenty churches, two ministers, and two laymen: and also of the officers, and delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the time for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

Art. III. The Union Conference, though not *bounded by County lines*, is admitted a member of this body with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

Art. IV. Ordained ministers, who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

Art. V. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

Art. VI. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

Art. VII. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. X. This Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock, A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the scriptures and prayer.

ART. XII. At each meeting of the Conference a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through their hands and with their approbation.

ART. XIII. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. XIV. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connexion, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. XV. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. XVI. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. XVII. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two thirds of the members present.

RULES.

1. At the time appointed for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution;—or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers, as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement or commitment.

9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connexion with the Conference.

10. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

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MINUTES

OF THE

NERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN MACHIAS,

JUNE 22, 1841.

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at Machias, in the Congregational Meeting House, Tuesday June 22d, 1841, at 9 o'clock A. M. Present, as members, the following Delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

York,	
Cumberland,	Rev. C. Hobart, Rev. N. W. Sheldon, Rev. E. Jones,
Kennebec,	
Somerset,	Rev. G. W. Fargo,
Franklin,	Rev. I. Rogers,
Union,	
Oxford,	Rev. Wm. V. Jordan,
Penobscot,	Rev. J. R. Munsell, Rev. Horatio Ilsley, Dea. E. F. Duren, Bro. A. J. Copeland,
Lincoln,	
Hancock & Waldo,	Rev. S. Thurston, Rev. Sewall Tenney, Dea. Samuel Adams,
Washington,	Rev. S. H. Keeler, Rev. Gilman Bacheller, Bro. Gilbert Balkam,

MEMBERS *ex-officiis.*

Rev. S. L. Pomroy, *Moderator;* Rev. Charles Freeman, *Cor. Sec.;* Rev. Geo. E. Adams, *Rec. Secretary pro tem.;* Rev. Messrs. Asa Cummings, B. Tappan, D. D., Wm. J. Breed, Wm. Davenport, Wm. T. Dwight, S. McKeen, J. B. Condit, S. D. Ward, Robert Crossett, and T. T. Stone, Members of Committees.

Corresponding Bodies.

General Assembly of Pres. Church, of which Rev. R. J. Breckenridge was last Moderator, } Rev. Francis McFarland, D.D.

The Conference was opened by the usual devotional services.

Rev. D. Shepley, Recording Secretary, being absent, on account of ill health, Rev. G. E. Adams was elected Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The Conference was then enrolled, and the Constitution and Rules were read.

Rev. Asa Cummings Delegate from this body to the Gen. Assembly of the Presb. Church,—R. J. Breckenridge, D D. Moderator,—made his report.

Ordained ministers present, not members of the Conference, were invited to sit as honorary members and take part in the deliberations.

Rev. Messrs. Tenney, Rogers and Davenport were appointed Committee of nominations.

By request of the Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston and Jones were added to that Committee.

The following brethren were appointed a committee to confer with the Rev. Mr. Holmes, Agent of the American Bible Society, present at this meeting: viz: Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Tappan, Breed, and Deacons Samuel Adams and Duren.

Ecclesiastical Statistics. Resolutions on this subject were presented by Rev. Mr. Freeman. After some conversation, the whole subject was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs Freeman, Dwight and Cummings, to report at the next annual meeting.

At 11 o'clock, a sermon was preached by Rev. Silas McKeen, from Rev. 6: 2.

Tuesday Afternoon. The services were introduced by the reading of the 72d Psalm and prayer, by Rev. Dr. McFarland. Addresses were then made on Increase of holiness in the church, by Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Jones. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr. Tenney.

Temperance.—After remarks by Rev. Messrs. Condit and Pomroy,

Resolved, That this Conference with devout gratitude acknowledge the hand of a gracious God in the late signal successes of the Temperance Reformation; and that as ministers of the Gospel, as disciples of Christ, and as friends of our country and our race, we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to promote this glorious reformation, until its objects shall be completely attained.

Peace. The following resolution was offered and sustained by Rev. S. Thurston, and adopted by the Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference revere the memory of the late Mr. Ladd who has so often addressed this body on the subject of Peace, and that the cause which he so ably and faithfully defended be commended to the prayers and efforts of the ministers and churches connected with this Conference.

Slavery. Remarks on this subject by Rev. Messrs. Adams and Cummings;—after which it was

Resolved, That this Conference lament the existence of slavery in this land, and that it is a duty which we owe to our country, to mankind and to God, to employ such means as may seem adapted to promote the removal in the best and speediest manner of this great evil from our beloved country.

Prayer was then offerred by Rev. Jotham Sewall, senior.

Foreign Missions. This subject was presented by Rev. Messrs. Breed, Dwight, and Holmes.

[*Tuesday Evening.*—Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society. Rev. Mr. Condit preached the annual sermon from Zech. 1: 5.]

Wednesday Morning.—At 5 o'clock there was a devotional meeting on this and the following morning.

At 8 o'clock, the Conference met for business.

Voted, That the provisional Committee, appointed the last year "to

make suitable replies to any communications that may be received from Southern Presbyteries," be continued in office during the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary communicate with the Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Novia Scotia and also with the Moderator of the Synod of New Brunswick, requesting intercourse between those bodies respectively and the Conference, by the reciprocal appointment of Delegates from one body to the other.

At 9 o'clock the Conference adjourned to 7 P. M. to give place to the Maine Missionary Society, and the Maine Branch of the American Education Society.

[*Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society.*—The Annual Report was read by Rev. Dr. Gillett, Corresponding Secretary, and addresses made by Rev. Messrs. Pomroy, Munsell, S. Thurston, McFarland, Condit and Holmes. In the afternoon, the annual sermon was preached by Rev. G. E. Adams.]

[*Education Society.*—The Annual Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tappan. Addresses were then made by Rev. Messrs. Rogers, Condit, McFarland and Pomroy.]

[*Wednesday Evening.*—Prayer by Rev. D. Sewall. Rev. Mr. Holmes Agent of the American Bible Society, and Rev. Dr. McFarland advocated the Bible cause.

Thursday Morning 8 o'clock.—Rev. Mr. Sheldon led in prayer.—The Committee appointed to confer with the Agent of the American Bible Society made a report, highly approving the objects of that Society; recommending a new exploration and supply of Bibles throughout the State, and that Congregational collections be every where taken up to defray the expense, the surplus to go into the treasury of the parent Society. It was represented as desirable that the work should be completed by the first of November next; and to facilitate the execution of the work, it was recommended that a Committee, so numerous that there should be one at least in every County, be appointed to aid both the Parent Society and its auxiliaries in this State, in securing a universal co-operation in the good work—the members of this Committee to report the result to the Corresponding Secretary of the Bible Society of Maine, in Portland.

The recommendations were adopted, and the following brethren appointed the Committee:

For	*York Co.*	Rev. Charles Freeman, Limerick,
	Cumberland,	Rev. Asa Cummings, Portland,
	Lincoln,	Rev. John W. Ellingwood, Bath,
	Kennebec,	Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D. Augusta,
	Waldo,	Rev. Stephen Thurston, West Prospect,
	Hancock,	Rev. Sewall Tenney, Ellsworth,
	Washington,	Rev. Robert Crossett, Dennysville,
	Oxford,	Rev. Carlton Hurd, Fryeburg,
	"	Rev. Cyril Pearl, Buckfield,
	Franklin,	Rev. Isaac Rogers, Farmington,
	Somerset,	Rev. George W. Hathaway, Bloomfield,
	Penobscot,	Rev. John Maltby, Bangor,
	Aroostook,	Rev. Samuel P. Abbott, Houlton.

Rev. G. E. Adams was appointed Treasurer of the Conference.

The Committee of Nominations reported, and the following appointments were made:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of which Dr. Breckenridge was last Moderator. Rev. E. Gillett and Bro. Williams Emmons. *Substitutes*—Rev. J. B. Condit and Bro. Woodbury Storer.

To the General Assembly of which Mr. Wisner was last Moderator. Rev. Stephen Thurston and Bro. Levi Cutter. *Substitutes*—Rev. Ray Palmer and Bro. Ether Shepley.

To the General Association of Massachusetts. Rev. Eli Thurston and Rev. Robert Page. *Substitutes*—Rev. C. E. Park and Rev. Albert Cole.

To the General Association of Connecticut. Rev. John Haven and Rev. C. Freeman. *Substitutes*—Rev. B. Tappan Jr. and Rev. E. G. Parsons.

To the General Association of New Hampshire. Rev. S. McKeen and Rev. B. B. Beckwith.—*Substitutes* Rev. William T. Dwight and Rev. J. P. Stone.

To the General Association of Vermont. Rev. John Maltby and Rev. G. W. Hathaway. *Substitutes.*—Rev. David Thurston and Rev. C. Hobart.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island. Rev. E. F. Cutter. *Substitute*—Rev. J. W. Chickering.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor.

CUMBERLAND,	Rev. S. H. Shepley,
YORK,	Rev. A. W. Fisk,
LINCOLN,	Rev. R. Palmer,
KENNEBEC,	Dea. E. S. Tappan,
OXFORD,	Bro. C. L. Eustis,
HANCOCK & WALDO,	Rev. Wm. J. Breed,
SOMERSET,	Rev. Josiah Tucker,
FRANKLIN,	Bro. H. Belcher,
WASHINGTON,	Rev. S. H. Keeler,
PENOBSCOT,	Rev. J. R. Munsell,
UNION,	Bro. Ruel Barrows.

First Preacher, Rev. Robert Crossett. *Second*, Rev. S. Tenney.

Committee to certify to the standing of Ministers travelling out of the State. Rev. Messrs. Asa Cummings, Wm. T. Dwight, Benjamin Tappan, D. D. E. Gillett, D. D., E. Pond, D. D., and S. L. Pomroy.

Committee of Arrangements for next meeting. Rev. J. B. Condit Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, and Dea. L. Cutter.

At 9 o'clock, the more public services were commenced. Rev. Mr. Keeler read the Scriptures and led in Prayer.

BANGOR SEMINARY.—The Report of the visiting Committee of Conference was read by Rev. Silas McKeen, accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the last Conference to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following Report.

The exercises of the last Anniversary were highly creditable both to the young men and to their Teachers.

The number who at that time finished their course at the Seminary, was eleven. Of these four have been settled as pastors in this State; one in Vermont; one in New York; and one in Michigan. One has been preaching as a Candidate in Massachusetts. One has been unable to

preach for want of health; one has continued in the Seminary; and one gone out as a missionary to the Sandwich Islands. All have readily found employment.

The number at present on the catalogue of the Institution is forty-three; of whom thirty-six belong to this State.

The expenses of the students are made as easy for them as the means of the Trustees will allow. No charge is made for room-rent, use of library, or tuition. Board may be obtained for about 1,30 per week. This during the term time of 40 weeks, amounts to but 52 dollars. In cases of necessity the Trustees propose to pay one half of this. Then, as the indigent and approved young man may obtain from the Education Society, 80 dollars a year, he may have in addition to his own earnings, 54 dollars for clothing, fuel, lights, books, travelling expenses, and other incidentals. With such advantages, any young man, possessing the piety, talents and good habits which are necessary for the ministry, may go through with the regular course, however destitute of pecuniary means. And so it should be.

In the boarding house, attached to the Seminary, are warm and convenient rooms, properly furnished, where the sick may be well accommodated, and taken care of.

The Classical School is still continued; but without pecuniary expense to the Seminary. The Principal has the use of the school room free of rent, and the classical students may have the use of such rooms in the Seminary as are not otherwise occupied; they also may board in Commons with the Theological students; but pay for all they receive. Their tuition is the only compensation which the Principal receives for his services. In this school are about 15 young men fitting for college and nearly all for the ministry.

The buildings of the Seminary remain as they were last year. The boarding establishment is entirely in the hands of the students; and managed by them to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned.

To the Library between three and four hundred volumes have been added, the past year. It now consists of about 7000 volumes.

The financial state of the Seminary is much as it was a year ago. Of the sum subscribed a few years ago, as an endowment consisting of some 120,000 dollars, about a third part has been collected, and expended; another third still due, is considered in safe hands; the remaining third is regarded as lost. Of the third which has been collected, and expended probably about half has been laid out in buildings, furniture, and books, which are of permanent value. About enough has been collected, during the year, on old and new subscriptions, to meet the current expenses of the year.

Each of the three Professors is entitled to a salary of one thousand dollars a year, exclusive of house rent. For some years past it appears their salaries have not been fully paid; which has subjected them to much inconvenience. They receive something yearly for their services in preaching to the destitute churches, but it is said less than they give to the Seminary.

The Seminary still wants endowment. Its operations are embarrassed. For services rendered and money hired it owes about seven thousand dollars, which as soon as may be should be paid.

On the whole, when we consider the spacious and convenient buildings now possessed by the Seminary; the large amount of funds, after all losses, yet at its disposal; its large library; and worthy professors, entirely devoted to its interests; the number of students; and the unabated good will of the churches towards it; your Committee cannot but represent this Institution, which you have so long sustained and cherished, to be now in a flourishing condition. More so than at almost any period since its establishment.

Let the Trustees continue to take effectual measures to secure and turn to the best account all their available means, and endeavor to obtain such further subscriptions as the necessity of the case may require, and able individuals and churches may on solicitation be willing to afford; and there can be no doubt but in answer to the prayers of those who love Zion the Seminary will, by the good hand of our God which has hitherto sustained it, be brought through all its straits and discouragements into a large place, where it may securely stand, increasing in reputation, in ability to do good, and in usefulness, through many revolving ages, after those who have founded it and are now watching over it with so much tender solicitude shall have ceased from all earthly cares and labors, and have entered into their final rest, in the kingdom of God.

Brethren and sisters in the Lord, we anew commend to your confidence and love, and liberality, and prayers, this institution,—an institution intimately connected with the prosperity of Zion, and with the glory of Christ our Saviour.

In behalf of the visiting Committee,

Belfast, June 17, 1841. SILAS McKEEN.

AMERICAN S. S. UNION.—The objects and claims of this Society were presented by Wm. B. Tappan, Agent.

SEAMEN.—Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Tenney and Holmes, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this Conference regard with interest and approbation the means which are now used to promote the moral and spiritual improvement of our Seamen, and commend this important part of our population to the sympathies and prayers of our churches.

STATE OF RELIGION.—Narrative on the state of religion within the bounds of the Conference by Rev. Charles Freeman, Cor. Secretary. Statements respecting the churches of New Hampshire by Rev. Mr. Newman of Stratham, N. H. who was providentially present.—Report from the Presbyterian Churches, (Old School,) by Rev. Dr. McFarland, delegate from the General Assembly.

Thursday Afternoon.—Sermon before communion by Rev. Isaac Rogers from Rev. 5: 9. The Sacrament was administered by Rev. Dr. McFarland and Rev. Jotham Sewall.

The Secretaries and Rev. Asa Cummings were appointed Publishing Committee.

Voted, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the inhabitants of Machias for their kind hospitality.

The next meeting of the General Conference is to be held with the 2d Church in Portland, on Tuesday next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1842, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

G. E. ADAMS, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

Report on the State of the Churches.

In surveying the field, over which our brethren in Christ, specially connected with us, are spread, we meet first, and almost every where the heaven-blessed movements of the Maine Missionary Society. And this notice is now taken of its operations, because the society appears to call forth at this time the special affections of the churches. With its aid four servants of Christ have labored in the new county of Aroostook, where are three small churches, containing together by the last report forty eight members.

In Washington Conference are sixteen churches with seven pastors. A new church, that of Jonesboro, is now reported. During the year there have been valuable accessions to the churches. The towns where the largest numbers have been received are Calais, Dennysville, East Machias, Machias, and Perry. These accessions are the fruits of late revivals, with which, according to the report of 1840, Washington County has been signally blessed. An earnest desire is felt in the destitute churches for the preaching of the Gospel. The reports from the feeble churches, and the appeals of their delegates, says the Scribe of the Conference, are enough to subdue any benevolent heart. The preachers of the Maine Missionary Society are joyfully received by them; and the churches, which are able, are ready to aid in their support; and the Conference have recommended to the churches in the County to raise at least the amount of money, which has been expended within their limits during the past year. Additions by profession 187; by letter 2, whole number 1083.

Hancock and Waldo Conference embraces 17 churches, with 10 pastors and 2 Stated supplies. Two pastors have been dismissed, and one has been settled during the past year. One church statedly supplied is now destitute. Harmony now prevails among the churches, the means of grace are in general well attended, and contributions to the cause of benevolence have been somewhat increased. The church in Jack-

son and Brooks has been visited in great mercy. Near the first of the year in connection with a protracted meeting the Spirit of God visited them. In Jackson not more than 8 or 10 of the adult part of the congregation are without hope in Christ. Twenty-eight have united with the church; and others give evidence of piety. A gentle shower of mercy has descended on the church in Bucksport—the church have been quickened and strengthened, the attendance on the public worship of God has been much increased; and about thirty give evidence of having become new creatures in Christ. The church in Castine has likewise been visited by the quickening and renovating Spirit of God, and rejoices in the renewed life of its members, and in the hopeful conversion of numbers to God. About thirty, it is hoped, have during a few past months been born of the Spirit. Added by profession 83; by letter 13; whole number 1782.

Penobscot Conference contains 27 churches with nine pastors and one Stated supply. Several of the congregations have been enlarged by the fruits of revivals which preceded our last anniversary. Bangor First church has received 109 members, Hammond Street 65, and Old Town 20. The churches are in a better state than before the revival. Sabbath Schools are supported in all but one or two of the churches. The Monthly Concert is as generally observed; and in a majority of cases on Sabbath evenings. Harmony exists in all the churches but Orrington and Sebec. In Orrington they have sold their meeting house, which was in debt, and was owned in common with the Methodists; and they are about building a new one in a more convenient location for the society. The additions to the churches have been 170 by profession, and 55 by letter, whole number 1613.

Lincoln Conference. Early in the last spring a revival commenced within the bounds of this Conference, and spread over Edgecomb, Boothbay, New Castle and Waldoboro. In New Castle a series of daily prayer meetings was commenced on Monday the 15th of March. It was opened in the pastor's house, but, after two meetings, was adjourned to the school house for want of room, and soon after, for the same reason, to the meeting house. Fifty-three are reported as added to this church. Eighty-nine have been added to the church in Boothbay. An unofficial communication from Waldoboro, under date of April states "that the good work which commenced in this place at the beginning of the new

year is still in interesting progress. About 80 have indulged hope in the mercy of God. Several of our seamen have been hopefully converted,and promise great usefulness. Indeed the work commenced in one district through the instrumentality of two of our good sea captains. In this Conference are 18 churches,with thirteen pastors and one stated supply. Reported, as added by profession 150, by letter 7, whole No. 1961.

From the Kennebec Conference little of special interest is reported. The additions to the churches have been few. There are 16 churches with 10 pastors. Added by profession 36 ; by letter 12, whole number 1083. One church says, "We are a united church, living in peace and harmony. At times we appear to have a good measure of the life and power of religion, but are generally too formal and languid in our duties. We need more faith, love, zeal, humility and devotion ; in a word, more of the sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost." Another church says, " The last year has been one of great spiritual dearth with us. It is hoped however that God has not entirely left himself without witness, but that in one instance the Holy Spirit has set home the truth upon the conscience ; and the heart has been made to yield to the commands of the Saviour." Another report is, "that the church remain steadfast, but nothing of special interest has occurred. They have taken some important action on the subject of slavery.

Somerset Conference. There have been revivals to some extent in Mercer, Norridgewock, Bloomfield, Solon, and Bingham. The churches are in an interesting state, and are rising. The Washington Temperance Spirit is waking up. Sabbath Schools are more firmly founded in the minds of Christians. In this Conference are 11 churches, 5 pastors and two stated supplies. The whole number by the last report was 571.

Franklin Conference, numbers 13 churches with 7 pastors and two stated supplies. Industry and New Sharon have enjoyed revivals. The former has received thirty one members, and the latter fourteen. To all the churches 57 have been added by profession, and 13 by letter. Whole number 759.

Oxford Conference. The churches comprising this conference are enjoying a good degree of harmony, union and peace, among themselves. All except North Paris enjoy the regular means of grace. On these means there is generally an increase of attendance. More interest is manifest

in Sabbath School instruction, than in years past. Most of the churches have been considerably increased during the year, chiefly from the hopeful conversions of the Spring of 1840. This Conference includes twelve churches and ten pastors. Added by profession 84, by letter 16; whole number 867.

Union Conference is composed of 13 churches with ten pastors. During the year, although there has not been, to so great a degree as formerly, evidence of the special influences of the Holy Spirit on the churches, yet peace and harmony have prevailed, calling for heartfelt gratitude to God. Whole number by the last report 1289.

Cumberland Conference. Some of the churches have b en deeply afflicted by the ravages of death; particularly that at Lewiston Falls by the sudden death of their excellent pastor, Rev. Horace B. Chapin; that in Minot by the death of Chandler Freeman, who had been been a faithful member from the time of its first organization in 1791; and William Ladd, well known as the preacher of Peace, and President of the American Peace Society; and that in Poland by the death of an important member, John Cousins Esq.

The first and second churches in North Yarmouth were blessed in the early part of the year with precious revivals of religion. More than ordinary religious interest has been felt in other churches; and cheering additions have been made to several of them as fruits of the revival of the previous year. The churches most highly favored with accessions are those of Portland and of North Yarmouth, Falmouth First, New Gloucester, Saccarappa, Pownal, and Freeport. The effect of the late revivals in this County upon the churches has been most happy. The subjects of them, who have been united to the church, have very generally appeared well; and a spirit of harmony pervades, to a great extent, the religious societies. Yet various causes have conspired, in a greater or less degree, during the last half year, to chill in a measure the piety of professed Christians, the most efficacious of which is thought to have been the long continued excitement connected with the Presidential election. In this Conference are 30 churches and twenty one pastors. Added by profession 474, by letter 87; whole number 3948.

York Conference has received during the year the newly organized church of Cornish. Some of the churches have been increased. Sanford has received thirty-eight by pro-

fession. The other churches which have been most enlarged, are Acton, Alfred, Limington, Newfield, Wells 1st, and Wells 2d. During the year one pastor, Rev. William Bradford Homer, has been settled and called home by death. Four others have closed their ministerial labors. One who was a stated supply has become a pastor; and three others have entered upon ministerial duties without forming a pastoral connection. This conference numbers 26 churches, with twelve pastors and seven stated supplies. Added by profession 104, by letter 45; whole number 2382.

The Gen. Conference of Maine comprises 11 Conferences, containing in all 199 churches with 129 pastors and stated supplies, and including several churches and officiating ministers not reported in any Conference, 203 churches and 142 ministers. According to the reports received, the additions by profession are 1345, by letter 250; and the removals are by death 162; by dismission 232; and by exclusion 49. The whole number is 17,400. Baptisms 965.

Over the State the cause of Temperauce has received a remarkable impulse within a few months. God has raised up experimental and successful advocates of total abstinence from among the intemperate; and many are constrained to exclaim, what hath God wrought! This movement is one of the most wonderful events in an age of wonders. Sabbath Schools cannot be said to flourish, yet they have an increased stability, from a growing conviction of the importance of the study of the Bible; and this conviction is extending in many minds to the public education of the young. The benevolent operations of the day continue to have a strong hold upon the hearts of Christians; especially is this true of the Maine Missionary Society. But our delinquency in Bible operations is such as to call forth humbling notice in the anniversary of the American Bible Society. There has been more than usual attention paid during the year to accommodations for public Sabbath worship; and old Meeting Houses have been remodelled or new edifices built. This fact is of great interest to those who appreciate aright the Sabbath—God's own institution. A greater number than usual of the preachers of the Gospel have been called away by death. Still the number is small, and they have left a very precious memory behind, by which being dead they still speak. In the valuable literary institutions of the State are some young men, preparing for the Gospel

field? and our Theological Institution at Bangor is proving itself a stream that makes glad the cities of our God, the holy places of the tabernacles of the Most High. Our Missionary Society awakens new affection; and the apprehension of some failure of its funds, this year, only shows how deeply in our hearts this institution is founded, and how strong is the feeling that, whatever society sinks, by the grace of God our Home Missionary Society must not; our feeble sister churches, and our brethren scattered over waste places, shall not be forgotten.

In conclusion, not only God's word, but the manifest dispensations of his grace say to us, My Spirit yet remaineth among you. Fear ye not.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Baldwin	Noah Emerson			1	1		16	
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams	10	4	1	3		185	
Cape Elizabeth		1	1	2			45	
Cumberland	Joseph Blake	5		2	5		160	
Danville							8	
Durham							54	
Falmouth 1st	Charles Dame	36	3	3	3	2	144	25
Falmouth 2d		4			2		83	4
Freeport	E. G. Parsons	17	1	5	4		222	11
Gorham	John S Davenport	4	10	6	2		170	6
Gray	N. W. Sheldon	2				1	60	
Harpswell							40	
Hebron&WMinct							39	
Lewiston Falls		7	2	2	2		77	
Minot	Elijah Jones	1	0	2	4		266	
NewGloucester	S. H. Shepley	30	2	3	2		200	12
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley	58	5	3	6		309	42
N. Yarmouth 2d	Caleb Hobart	26	2	1			127	12
Poland	T. Williams	7	4	2	6		81	
Portland 2d	J. B. Condit	55	11	6	10	1	428	27
Portland 3d	W. T. Dwight	47	9	6	8	3	297	32
" High St.	J. W. Chickering	102	20	1	13	2	354	92
" Abyssinian		13			1		32	23
Pownal	A. P Chute	20	1	2	3	1	136	24
Raymond		2					13	
Saccarappa	J. H. Mordough	22	5				90	
Scarborough	Daniel Sewall	3	2	4	4	1	97	2
Standish					2		74	
Westbrook	Jotham Sewall Jr.				6		81	
Windham	Wm. Warren	2	5		1	6	60	5
30	20	474	87	52	88	17	3948	317

FRANKLIN.

Churches.	Pastors	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Chesterville	J. H. Conant S. S.	2		1	2		47	
Farmington	Isaac Rogers		2	1	1		106	6
Fayette					5		10	
Industry	John Perham	31	3	1	3		102	37
Kingsfield							10	
New Portland	John Perham	5					29	7
New Sharon	J. T. Hawes	14	8	1	3		83	11
New Vineyard	David Turner						20	2
Phillips		1					43	
Strong	Wm. May	2					115	
Temple	Simeon Hackett	1		1	3		87	
Weld	Ephraim Fobes	1			1	3	61	2
Wilton	Sam'l Talbot				4		46	
13	9	57	13	5	22	3	759	65

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Aurora		1					18	2
Belfast 1st	Silas McKeen	2	1	1	8		172	1
Bluehill	Albert Cole	1	2	3	1	1	168	
Brooksville				1			44	2
Bucksport	Wm J. Breed	14	2		1		115	14
Camden	N. C. Chapman	2	1	1	7		135	2
Castine Trin. Ch.	B. B. Beckwith	17	2	1	2		90	12
Deer Isle	J. Adams, S. S.			3		3	200	35
Ellsworth	Sewell Tenney	1		1	1		108	1
Frankfort							70	
Jackson & Brooks	L. Wiswell	28	4				87	13
Knox & vicinity							25	2
Mt. Desert	M. W. Strickland	7		2	1		149	8
Prospect 1st	Stephen Thurston	7	1	4	3	1	258	16
Prospect 2d	J. P. Stone	3					52	5
Sedgewick	M. Ellis, S. S.						52	
Swanville							39	
17	12	83	13	17	24	5	1782	113

KENNEBEC

Albion	I. E. Wilkins						36	
Augusta N.				3		1	50	
" S.	B. Tappan, DD.	2	3	1	12	3	177	15
Clinton							21	
Gardiner	A. C. Adams	12	4		1		48	
Hallowell	Eli Thurston	3	2	2	4	3	230	
Litchfield	Tim'y Davis	6		2	2		78	
Pittston	J. T. McCullum						40	
Readfield							19	
Sidney							15	
Unity	I. E. Wilkins						30	
Vassalboro'				1	2		55	
Waterville	C. E. Park	2					70	
Windsor	J. G. Merrill SS.	1		1	1		29	
Winslow	Henry C. Jewett	1		2			55	5
Winthrop	David Thurston.	9	3	5	5	1	130	13
16	10	36	12	17	27	8	1023	39

To

PENOBSCOT.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions. Prof.	Additions. letter	Removals. D'th.	Removals. Dis.	Removals. Ex.	Tot.	I
Abbot	Charles Duren		2				11	
Bangor 1st	S. L. Pomroy	90	19	5	9	3	372	
" Hammond St	John Maltby	40	16	4	6		236	
" North		5					14	
Blanchard							32	
Bradford							8	
Brewer 1st							96	
" East	J. R. Munsell	6	6	2		1	93	
Brownville	Wm. S. Sewall			1	2	2	60	
Burlington							14	
Dexter		2					21	
Dixmont							29	
Exeter							18	
Foxcroft	E. Wells		2	1	3	1	100	
Garland	S. S. Drake		2			2	40	
Glenburne							19	
Hampden	Benj. Tappan Jr.	2		3	4	1	95	
Levant	Robert Page	1	2			1	64	
Lincoln							41	
Milo							4	
Monson	Horatio Hsley SS	3	3	1	4	1	55	
Old Town		17	2	1			28	
Orono		6			6		54	
Orrington				1	2	1	60	
Sangerville	Charles Duren		1				30	
Seboc				1	4		13	
Williamsburg							6	
27	10	179	55	20	40	13	1613	

WASHINGTON.

Calais	S. H. Keeler	16			5		117	
Cherryfield							11	
Cooper		9					20	
Dennysville	R. Crosset	18	1	1		2	92	
East Machias	T. T. Stone	40		5			160	
Eastport	E. G. Carpenter	3			2	2	64	
Jonesboro		8		1			15	
Lubec							26	
Machias	S. D. Ward	34		2			163	
Machiasport	G. Bacheller	8					71	
Northfield		11					21	
Pembroke		2		1			34	
Perry	W. Davenport	31					144	
Robbinston						2	76	
Whiting		6	1				22	
Whitneyville		1					47	
16	7	187	2	10	7	6	1083	

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof'l	letter.	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Acton	Clement Parker	12		1	4		78	5
Alfred	A. W. Fisk S. S.	13	2	3	4		139	11
Biddeford 1st	J. Gunnison S.S.						102	
" 2d	C. Kimball S. S.					1	65	
Buxton	Benj. Rice	1		4		1	82	
Cornish		2	10				12	1
Elliot	I. Kimball S. S.	3	1	5	3	2	139	9
Kennebunk	G. W. Cressey	3	6				73	
Kennebunkport		1	1	2			71	
" North							5	
" South	John Baker S. S.			2	1		81	
Kittery	Reuben Kimball						34	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring	1		4	4		125	
Limerick	Charles Freeman			3	1	1	118	16
Limington	H. A. Merrill S S	8	1		4		81	19
Lyman	D. Kendrick S. S.	1	1	3	10	2	133	1
Newfield	S. B Gilbert	11	6	3			85	9
Parsonsfield	S. Ordway						47	
Saco		3	2	5	2		229	12
Sanford	G. W. Bourne	38	6	2	4	1	83	36
Shapleigh		1					6	
South Berwick							130	
Wells 1st	Jonas Colburn						249	
" 2d	C. Walker	8	9	2			91	5
York 1st							107	
" 2d	Samuel Stone						27	
26	19	104	45	39	37	8	2382	116

LINCOLN.

Alna						74	
Bath 1st	J. W. Ellingwood					234	
Bath 2d	Ray Palmer					76	
Boothbay	D. Cushman	89	6	1	3	221	100
Bremen						23	
Bristol						46	
Edgecomb	Isaac Weston S. S.					138	
New Castle	Edwin Seabury	53		2	4	130	44
Phippsburg						207	
Thomaston 1st	R. Woodhull			3	2	102	
Thomaston 2d	S. C. Fessenden					29	
Topsham	T. N. Lord					103	
Union	Uriah Balkham					48	
Waldoboro	D. M. Mitchell					175	
Warren	E. F. Cutter			4	2	106	
Washington	J. G. Merrill	4		2		55	
Wiscasset	W. L. Mather	4	1		1	129	
Woolwich	J. C. Goss					65	
18	14	150	7	12	12	1961	144

OXFORD.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof.	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Andover	A. Hubbard	4			4		42	
Bethel	Charles Frost	1	3	2	2		180	
Dixfield	W. V. Jordan			1	1		33	
Gilead	H. Richardson	1				1	52	5
Norway	Charles Soule	27	2	2			112	
Oxford	I. Carlton	15	1		3	1	72	9
Paris North								
Paris South	J. Walker		5	2	6		126	
Rumford	E. S. Hopkins	1	1	3			71	
Shelburne N. H.	H. Richardson	1			2		7	
Sumner	Sam'l Sewall	18	1				93	11
Turner	Allen Greely	6	3				79	8
12	10	84	16	10	16	2	867	33

SOMERSET.

Churches	Pastors	Tot last Rep.
Anson	Levi Loring S. S.	16
Athens	Levi Loring S. S.	14
Bingham	Josiah Tucker	93
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway	129
Cornville		13
Fairfield		23
Madison	J. Tucker S. S.	25
Mercer	Oren Sikes	71
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet	98
Solon	G. W. Fargo S.S.	45
St. Albans	Nathan Douglass	44
11	7	571

UNION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Tot. last Rep.
Albany	G. F. Tewksbury	82
Bridgton	C. F. Page	108
" North	J. Searle	45
" South	J. P. Fessenden	62
Brownfield	D. Gerry	39
Denmark		42
Fryeburg	Carlton Hurd	250
Harrison	Joseph Searle	94
Hiram	D. Gerry	23
Lovell	Israel Hills	97
Otisfield	J. P. Richardson	180
Sweden	E. Mason	57
Waterford	J. A. Douglass.	210
13	10	1269

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS NOT RECKONED IN ANY OF THE TABLES OF CONFERENCES.

		Tot. No.	last Rep.
Fish's Mills, No.4 & vicinity, Aroostook Co.	James Gooch S. S.	9	
Houlton do.	Samuel P. Abbot	34	
Monticello do.		5	
Lisbon, Lincoln Co	S. Merrill S. S.	14	
Ministers without charge—efficiating as preachers	10		
4	13	62	

SUMMARY.

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Hancock & Waldo	17	12	83	13	17	24	5	1782	113
Kennebec	16	10	36	12	17	27	8	1083	36
Lincoln	18	14	150	7	12	12		1961	144
Oxford	12	10	84	16	10	16	2	867	33
Penobscot	27	10	170	55	20	40	13	1613	
Somerset	11	7						571	
Union	13	10						1289	
Washington	16	7	187	2	10	7	6	1083	141
York	26	19	104	45	39	37	8	2382	116
11	199	128	1345	250	162	232	49	17338	965
Churches and ministers not reported in connexion with the conferences as above.	4	13						62	

☞Reports from many churches have not been received; and the whole number in these churches is taken from the last report. Where a preacher supplies several churches he is numbered only once. In Kennebec Conference one minister is not numbered, because he is numbered in Lincoln Conference.

The Publishing Committee cannot be responsible for discrepancies, till they are furnished with full and ccrrect returns from the several Conferences. If there should not be an improvement in this respect, it will be of little use to publish Tabular views.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Thomas Adams, Augusta, Editor of Temp. Gazette.
Weston B. Adams, Lewiston Falls.
Jonathan Belden, Hallowell.
Alden B. Boynton, Wiscasset.
John Boynton do
Caleb Bradley, Westbrook.
Jona. Calef, Lyman.
James Carruthers, Portland, Missionary.
Asa Cummings, do Ed. of Christian Mirror.
Eliphalet Gillett, D. D. Hallowell, Sec'y of Maine Miss'y Society.
Joseph Hilliard, Berwick.
Thomas Jameson, Gorham.
Elijah Kellogg, Portland
Joseph C. Lovejoy, Hallowell, Agent Me. Temp. Society.
Enos Merrill, Falmouth.
Freeman Parker, Wiscasset.
Wooster Parker, Brewer, Agent Me. Temp. Society.
Cyril Pearl, Buckfield, Preacher, Teacher.
Enoch Pond, D. D. Prof. in Theol. Seminary, Bangor.
Jotham Sewall, Chesterville, Missionary.
John W. Shepard, Biddeford.
George Shepard, Prof. Theol. Sem'y., Bangor.
Amasa Smith, Cumberland.
D. Talcot Smith, Prof Seminary, Bangor.
David Starrett, Augusta.
Thos. C. Upham, Prof. Bowd. Coll. Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, Jr. D. D. Pres. Bowd. Coll. Brunswick.
James Weston, Standish.
Franklin Yeaton, Gorham, Teacher in Gorham Sem'y.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

AS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN BRUNSWICK, JUNE 1839.

ART. I. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Maine.

ART. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen:—and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches, two ministers, and two laymen: and also of the officers, and delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the time for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. III. The Union Conference, though not *bounded by County lines*, is admitted a member of this body with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

ART. IV. Ordained ministers, who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

ART. V. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator chosen by ballot to continue in office three years.

ART. VI. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. VII. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. X. This Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually at nine o'clock, A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the scriptures and prayer.

ART. XII. At each meeting of the Conference a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through their hands and with their approbation.

ART. XIII. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. XIV. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connexion by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. XV. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. XVI. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. XVII. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two thirds of the members present.

RULES.

1. At the time appointed for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution;—or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers, as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of Committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, or commitment.

9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connexion with the Conference.

10. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN PORTLAND,

JUNE 21, 1842.

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at Portland, in the Meeting House of the Second Parish, Tuesday June 21st, 1842, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present, as members, the following Delegates from the several County Conferences, viz:

York,	Rev. Ivory Kimball, Rev. Clement Parker, Bro. A. F. Symonds, Bro. William Gooch,
Cumberland,	Rev. Eben. G. Parsons, Rev. William Warren, Bro. Reuben Merrill, Dea. Samuel Pickard, Dea. Jacob Mitchell.
Kennebec,	Rev. Eli Thurston, Rev. J. T. McCullom
Somerset,	Rev. Oren Sikes, Rev. Nathan Douglass, Dea. W. W. Dinsmore, Bro. Warner Barton.
Franklin,	Rev. John Perham, Rev. J. H. Conant.
Union,	Rev. J. P. Richardson, Rev. C. F. Page, Bro. Joseph Colby, Dea. Elias Blake.
Oxford,	Rev. Henry Richardson, Rev. E. S. Hopkins, Bro. Jedediah Burbank, Bro. Wm. E. Goodnow.
Penobscot,	Rev. Joshua Eaton, Rev. Charles Duren, Rev. Nathan Dole, Dea. E. F. Duren, Bro. John How, Dea. Chas. A. Stackpole.
Lincoln,	Rev. D. M. Mitchell. Rev. T. N. Lord.
Washington,	Rev. S. D. Ward, Rev. Robert Crossett, Bro. Leonard Peabody.
Hancock & Waldo,	Rev. Nathaniel Chapman, Rev. Wm. J. Breed, Dea. Henry Darling, Dea. Edwin Beeman.

MEMBERS *ex-officiis.*

Rev. S. L. Pomroy, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles Freeman, *Cor. Sec.*: Rev. David Shepley, *Rec. Sec.*; Rev. G. F. Adams, *Treasurer*; Rev. Messrs. J. B. Condit, Wm. T. Dwight, J. W. Chickering, Asa Cummings, B. Tappan, D. D., J. R. Munsell, S. H. Keeler, J. W. Ellingwood, and Robert Page, and Deas. Levi Cutter, Joseph Libbey and ——— Chapman, and Bros. R. K. Page and Charles Clapp.

Corresponding Bodies.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Clark Perry.

Gen. Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Sumner G. Clapp.

Gen. Association of Connecticut, { Rev. David D. Field D. D. / Rev. Alvan Bond.

Gen. Assembly of Presb. Church of which Mr. Wisner was last Moderator. { Rev. Thomas Brainerd.

The Moderator read the Scriptures, and Rev. R. Woodhull led in prayer.

The names of the members of Conference were then enrolled, and the Constitution and Rules were read.

Rev. Charles Freeman was re-appointed Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. David Shepley, Recording Secretary.

Rev. E. F. Cutter, Delegate from this body to the Gen. Consociation of R. Island, made his report.

Ordained ministers present, not members of the Conference, were invited to sit as honorary members and take part in the deliberations.

Voted, That Committees be raised by nomination from the chair.

Rev. W. J. Breed read the report of the Committee appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor. This document was committed to Rev. Messrs. B. Tappan, D. D., John Perham, Oren Sikes, J. W. Ellingwood, J. W. Chickering, C. Freeman, N. Chapman, H. Richardson, J. P. Richardson, S. D. Ward and Robert Page, and Bros. R. K. Page, W. W. Dinsmore, Joseph Libbey, A. F. Symonds, Henry Darling, Charles Clapp, ———Chapman, Joseph Colby, Leonard Peabody and C. A. Stackpole, with instructions to report at this meeting.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Clapp from Massachusetts offered prayer, and a Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Field of Connecticut, from Heb. 5: 7.

Tuesday Afternoon. The services were introduced by the reading of the 122d and 133d Psalms, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Tappan. Addresses were then made on Revivals of Religion by Rev. Messrs. Palmer of Bath, and Pond and Pomroy of Bangor.

The Rev. Mr. Kirk of Boston addressed the meeting on the objects and claims of the Foreign Evangelical Society; and the Rev. Mr. Bliss on those of the American Tract Society.

TEMPERANCE,—THE SABBATH,—THE BIBLE.

Rev. Dr. Edwards, after appropriate remarks, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in the origin, and progress of the Temperance Reformation, and in the blessings which, through its means, he has conferred on men; and express our conviction that it ought to receive the influence of the example and efforts of all friends of humanity; and that these efforts should be continued till intoxication, and the use, as a beverage, of intoxicating liquor, shall have ceased, throughout the earth.

2. That, as the Sabbath is an institution of Divine appointment, and

the observance of it is essential to the social, civil and religious interests of men, we will exert our influence to induce all persons to abstain from all worldly business and amusement, and unite in the public worship of God, on that day.

3. That as the Bible is all given by inspiration of God, and is suited to render men perfect, and furnish them thoroughly for every good work; we earnestly recommend that every person who is destitute, and can read, supply himself with a copy; read a portion of it daily, and seek the teaching of the Holy Ghost, that he may understand, believe and obey it.

Singing was interspersed with the addresses on these subjects. The adjournment was to to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

[*Tuesday Evening.* The Rev. Mr. Kirk preached, in the absence of the regular preacher, before

The Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

This Society held its annual meeting. Rev. B. Tappan D. D. was elected *President;* Dea. S. Adams, *Vice President;* Rev. C. Freeman, *Secretary;* Rev. David Thurston, *Treasurer.* Other Trustees—Rev. Messrs. A. Greely, J. W. Ellingwood, E. Gillett D. D., G. E. Adams, J. B. Condit, E. Thurston, and E. Jones. Preachers for next anniversary—Rev. J. Maltby 1st; Rev. J. Sewall, Jr. 2d.]

Wednesday Morning. At 5 o'clock, there were devotional meetings in the 2nd and High St. Churches, on this, and the following morning.

At 8 o'clock, the Conference met for business.

After the reading of the Scriptures and prayer by the Moderator,

Voted, That the Recording Secretary notify members, appointed to services by the Conference, of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to furnish printed schedules for the returns of the statistics of the churches.

The Corresponding Secretary reported, that, as directed, he had written to the Moderators of the Synod of Nova Scotia, and of the Synod of New Brunswick, proposing a correspondence, but he had received no answer.

At 9 o'clock, the Conference adjourned to give place to the Maine Missionary, and Education Societies.

[*Meeting of Maine Missionary Society.* The Report of the Trustees, prepared by Dr. Gillett, the Secretary, was read by Dr. Tappan. Addresses were made by Messrs. Chickering, Brainerd, Palmer, Kirk, G. E. Adams, Pomroy and Lovejoy. OFFICERS.—Rev. W. T. Dwight, *President;* Rev. Charles Freeman, *Vice President;* Rev. E. Gillett D. D., *Secretary;* Woodbury Storer Esq., *Treasurer.* TRUSTEES.—The President, Rev. Messrs. E. Gillett D. D., D. Thurston, B. Tappan, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, A. Cummings, S. L. Pomroy, J. B. Condit and E. F. Cutter, and Woodbury Storer, Esq., and David Dunlap, Esq., First preacher for next meeting, Rev. G. W. Hathaway; second preacher, Rev. J. B. Condit.]

[*Education Society.* The Report of the Directors was read by the Secretary. Addresses were made by Messrs. Nash, and Stearns of Newburyport. OFFICERS.—Hon. R. P. Dunlap, *President;* Hon. David Dunlap and Wm. Richardson, Esq., *Vice Presidents;* B. Tappan, *Secretary;* Prof. Wm. Smyth of Brunswick, *Treasurer;* Other Directors,—Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. W. Ellingwood, G. E. Adams, A. Cummings, D. Shepley, and R. Palmer.]

Wednesday Evening. Reading of the Scriptures and prayer by the Recording Secretary. Rev. Asa Bullard, Secretary of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, and Rev. Mr. Dwight presented the claims of Sabbath Schools; Rev. Wm. Clark, those of Foreign Missions; and Rev. Mr. Breed, those of Seamen. The Missionary Hymn was sung.

Thursday Morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Perry of New Hampshire. The roll was called. Rev. J. W. Chickering was appointed Treasurer of Conference. Prof. Wm. Smyth was appointed auditor of the Report of Rev. G. E. Adams, the late Treasurer.

Rev. Asa Cummings and the Secretaries were appointed Publishing Committee.

The Committee of Nominations reported, and the following appointments were made:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of which Rev. John T. Edgar, D. D., *was last Moderator.* Rev. J. B. Condit and Dea. Woodbury Storer. *Substitutes.*—Rev. S. D. Ward, and Dea. Wm. Swan.

To General Assembly of which Mr. Wisner was last Moderator. Rev. Ray Palmer, and Bro. Ether Shepley. *Substitutes.*—Rev. E. Pond, D. D., and Dea. Henry Darling.

To the General Association of Massachusetts. Rev. C. E. Park, and Rev. W. L. Mather. *Substitutes.*—Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, and Rev. W. J. Breed.

To the General Association of Connecticut. Rev. B. Tappan, Jr., and Rev. E. G. Parsons. *Substitutes.*—Rev. Thomas Williams, and Rev. S. C. Fessenden.

To the General Association of New Hampshire. Rev. Wm. T. Dwight and Rev. J. P. Stone. *Substitutes.*—Rev. S. H. Keeler, and Rev. Richard Woodhull.

To the General Convention of Vermont. Rev. David Thurston, and Rev. Caleb Hobart. *Substitutes.*—Rev. S. H. Shepley and Rev. G. E. Adams.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island. Rev. J. W. Chickering. *Substitute.*—Rev. David Shepley.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor.

YORK,	Dea. Joseph Gilman,
CUMBERLAND,	Rev. J. W. Chickering,
LINCOLN,	Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,
HANCOCK & WALDO,	Dea. Samuel Dutton,
PENOBSCOT,	Dea. E. F. Duren,
WASHINGTON,	Dea. W. A. Crocker,
OXFORD,	Rev. Charles Frost,
UNION,	Rev. Carleton Hurd,
KENNEBEC,	Bro. Rufus K. Page,
SOMERSET,	Rev. Oren Sikes,
FRANKLIN,	Rev. Isaac Rogers.

First Preacher, Rev. Sewall Tenney. *Second,* Rev. Ray Palmer.

Committee to certify the standing of Ministers travelling out of the State. Rev. Messrs. Asa Cummings, Wm. T. Dwight, Benjamin Tappan, D. D., E. Gillett, D. D., E. Pond, D. D., and S. L. Pomroy.

Committee of Arrangements for next meeting. Rev. S. L. Pomroy, Rev. J. R. Munsell and Dea. E. Adams.

The Committee, to which the Report on the Seminary at Bangor was submitted, reported; said report, with the accompanying resolutions, as modified and abridged by them, was accepted, to be printed with the Minutes.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the last Conference to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, would submit the following report.

The exercises of the last anniversary were of a high order, evincing unusual ability, and improvement, on the part of the graduating class, and skill and fidelity on the part of the teachers.

The number which then finished their course was seven. Of these, one is a Missionary in the Island of Ceylon; and four settled as pastors in this State; and two have been labouring as stated supplies with the expectation of being settled very soon. The services of all were called for before they left the Seminary, and several others of like promise might have been employed.

The number at present on the Catalogue is forty; of whom thirty have had a Collegiate education, and thirty four of the forty belong to this State.

The expenses of the Students are made as light as the ability of the Trustees will permit. For tuition, use of library and room-rent, there is no charge. Board is furnished for about $1,30 per week, the same as last year, with the exception of the last Summer term, when it was furnished including, washing and mending, at $1,02 per week. Making the cost for board, washing and mending per year, short of $50, a less expense than is incurred probably by the Theological Student at any other similar institution. And farther, one half of the above amount, the Trustees propose to pay in all cases of necessity. With these advantages, in addition to personal earnings in various ways, and the $80 per year appropriated by the Education Society, (if received) the truly worthy candidate for the Ministry may pass there a regular course of training however indigent.

Twenty-two of the Theological Students are beneficiaries of the American Education Society. These have failed in part of securing their appropriations during the last year, which circumstance has subjected them to very severe embarrassment. Could the followers of the Lord Jesus but realize how much these beloved members of his own body, and prospective ministers of his blood bought churches, have suffered in body and mind, in consequence of the failure of their means from the above source—they would not, they could not permit such a failure to be repeated, especially were they to read and ponder prayerfully in this connexion, the 25th Chapt. of Matt. from the 31st, to the closing verse.

The boarding house attached to the Seminary is every way superior to any other establishment of the kind, with which your Committee have been acquainted. It is most admirably, and most economically managed; and amply furnished with warm and convenient apartments for the sick.

The library has received some small additions the past year. It is regarded by your Committee, as a well selected, and excellent Theological Library, consisting of about 7000 volumes.

The general state of the Seminary during the year, is represented as having been exceedingly pleasant. There has been much harmony, sympathy and brotherly love among the Students.

It has evidently been, and is, the earnest endeavor of those who have the charge of your Theological Seminary, not only to make *thorough scholars* of the Young men entrusted to them, but to prepare them for active labour, and usefulness in the church and world—to be practical and business-like men. Accordingly the students have been encouraged to engage in such labours (in Bangor, and in the towns and villages adjacent) as could be performed without infringing upon the hours alloted to study. From actual investigation, it appears that they have sustained, during the past year, 13 Sabbath Schools, 29 Bible Classes, and 11 stated religious meetings, besides much occasional service, the amount of which cannot be definitely ascertained.

The present Senior Class, with the exception of one who, on account of ill health, has not applied for license, have all been successfully employed as preachers and Missionaries during the late spring vacation.

As to the pecuniary concerns of the Institution, the Trustees have had some things to encourage them, but more to try them during the year. A liberal and excellent family in Massachusetts, to whom the Institution was indebted in the sum of $2000, together with half a year's interest on the same, has generously relinquished their claim on the Seminary.

This noble act has not only encouraged the hearts of the friends of the Institution, but has essentially relieved it from existing embarrassment.

Still it cannot and should not be concealed, that the Institution is in an embarrassed condition. It is in the possession of property to a considerable amount, but little if any of this can be turned into *present available money*. It has valuable lands, in the city of Bangor and in other places, but these cannot be sold without a ruinous sacrifice. It has bank stock amounting at par value, to more than $4000.—Nearly the whole of which is good stock, yielding an income of full six per cent ; but this cannot be sold without much sacrifice. One of the reasons which has led the Trustees to hesitate as to the propriety of forcing the sale of property at present prices, is, that it is held *without expense*, the property of the Institution not being subject to taxation. The Institution has also notes to a pretty large amount—some of them good ; but these cannot be collected at present without distressing and displeasing some of the best friends of the Seminary. The consequence is, that the Institution is left, like some individuals of *property* in these times, *without present available means*. The receipts during the past year have been altogether insufficient to meet the necessary current expenses, although the expenses have been reduced to the lowest possible amount. The salaries of the Professors have not been paid, they have consequently been obliged to borrow money to a considerable extent to meet their necessary family expenses. It is perfectly obvious that this state of things cannot continue. It is for the Christian public, in connection with the Trustees, to say under these circumstances what shall be done. *Shall the Institution be suspended* ? or continue in operation? And if continued, shall it be placed in circumstances to move on vigorously, and prosperously, and accomplish from year to year the important work which God has given it to do ? Your Committee would not presume to dictate, in reference to these questions ; but they may be permitted to suggest several reasons why, in their judgment, the Institution should thus continue.

1. In the first place, *it is needed*, as much as it ever was. Let any one but look out, through the length and breadth of this great State—with its 30,000 square miles of territory, its 400 towns and plantations, and its 500,000 inhabitants, and destined, in a few years, to contain 500,000 more, and say if a Theological Institution, like that at Bangor, is not *needed* in the Central part of the State to furnish ministers thoroughly taught. It was the deeply conscious *need* of such an Institution, which led, more than 20 years since, to its establishment. And if it was needed then, when our population was not half what it is at present, much more is it needed now. If a conviction of the need of such an Institution was then sufficient to call it into existence, much more should we be induced to continue it, when it is now successfully in operation.

2. The past and present *usefulness* of this Institution is a reason why it should be sustained. Little need be said to convince the General Conference as to the good which this Seminary has already done. The evidences of its usefulness, stand out to view on every hand. Almost one half of the settled Congregational Ministers of Maine, besides an equal number who have gone into other states and territories, and a respectable number who have gone to the heathen, received their education at this Institution. And shall it be suspended, or required to pause in the very commencement of its beneficent career, and the tide of blessings, which it is pouring out upon the churches, and the world, from year to year, be dried up ?

3. The money already expended, and the facilities already furnished, strongly encourage the continued prosecution of this great enterprise, and forbid that it should now be abandoned. Are the churches fully aware how much has al-

ready been done towards the establishment of this Institution; and how little comparatively remains to be done in order to complete its endowment. At Bangor your Committee found a plat of ground almost unrivaled for beauty, and eligibility of situation, embracing about seven acres on the western border of the City, appropriated to the purposes of the Institution. They found substantial buildings erected and furnished, and the public buildings furnished, all which cost not less than $30,000. They were exceedingly gratified to find so noble a Theological library, the best by far in the State, and inferior to but few if any of the same character in the United States.

It would be difficult for your Committee to express the high satisfaction they have felt in view of the abundant evidence of the ability and devotion of the present faculty to the best interests of your Seminary. They are men worthy of the highest confidence and liberal support. And through you to the churches your Committee would most earnestly and affectionately commend them.

Your Committee found a respectable number of students collected; and in short all the varied apparatus of a Theological Seminary furnished and in successful operation. So much has already been done towards the establishment of this Institution. So many important points have been gained. And can the churches of Maine afford to lose the whole?—Will it not be too great a sacrifice to suspend our operations here, and suffer all that has been done to go to waste?

Finally, the *ease* with which all that remains to be done for this Institution can be done, is another reason why it should be vigorously and resolutely attempted. All that remains to be done, in order to *establish* the institution on its *present* basis, is to endow the three existing professorships. And a part of the funds already in the hands of the Institution may be brought in, to aid in this work of endowment. It was intended to set about this necessary work the present year; and nothing but the hard and unexampled pecuniary pressure has prevented. It is very well understood from inquiries and correspondence already had, that this work *can be accomplished* whenever it shall be undertaken under favorable circumstances. Until it is undertaken, all that is necessary in order to the continuance and prosperity of the Institution, is to raise for it between three and four thousand dollars a year. This sum will meet all the current expenses, and enable the Seminary to move on prosperously. And cannot this sum be raised by the 18,000 members in the Congregational churches of Maine?

As has been already remarked, your Committee would not presume to dictate at all in regard to this important matter; but they may be permitted to express their honest, their deliberate sentiments, and to embody them in the following resolutions, which they with all deference submit for the consideration and action of the Conference.

Resolved, 1st That we regard the Theological Institution at Bangor as one of great importance to us, demanding all the efforts which we can consistently make, to sustain it in successful operation.

Resolved, 2d. That it be recommended to the Trustees, as soon as it can be done with any prospect of success, to undertake, and complete the endowment of the three existing professorships.

Resolved, 3d. That to meet the necessary expenses of the Institution for the present year, it be recommended to the pastors of the churches to take up collections in its behalf, in such ways as they may think best, early in the month of August, and to forward the sums received, as soon as may be practicable, to the treasurer of the Seminary, in the hope of realizing from such collections at least the sum of 3000 dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the visiting Committee.

WM. J. BREED.

Bucksport, June 18th, 1842.

At 9 o'clock, The more public services were commenced. Rev. G. E. Adams led in prayer.

State of Religion. The narrative on the state of religion within the bounds of the Conference was read by Rev. Charles Freeman, Corresponding Secretary. Statements respecting the Churches in New Hampshire were given by Rev. Clark Perry; respecting those in Massachusetts, by Rev. S. G. Clapp; respecting those in Connecticut, by Rev. Field, D. D., and Rev. Alvan Bond; and respecting those in connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (New School) by Rev. Thomas Brainerd.

In the closing prayer by Rev. Dr. Field, particular reference was had to the enslaved in our country.

Thursday Afternoon. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Mitchell. Sermon before communion by Rev. Robert Crossett, from Phil. 1: 21.

The Sacrament was administered by Rev. Drs. Pond, and Field.

Through the Moderator, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the Citizens of Portland for their kind hospitality.

The next meeting of the General Conference is to be held with the 1st Church in the city of Bangor, on Tuesday next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1843, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

D. Shepley, *Recording Secretary.*

Report on the State of Religion in the General Conference of Maine, June 1842.

Another ecclesiastical year presents to our notice new mercies from God to be acknowledged, and new events to suggest a serious sense both of the shortness of time, and of our obligation to work the works of him that made us, while it is day, as the night cometh wherein no man can work. The lives of the ministers of Christ in this Conference have been spared, and they have nearly all been permitted to meet each other at these anniversaries and engage together in the interesting, sanctifying, and heavenly exercises of these holy convocations. But more than a usual number of the servants of God, have, during the year, been called to their rest. The Rev. Weston B. Adams of Lewiston Falls, and the Rev. Joseph Searle of Harrison, having finished their course in the midst of life, and the Rev. Elijah Kellogg of Portland, at the ripe age of 80; and the Rev. Daniel Gould of Rumford, after a longer pilgrimage of 90 years. How soon will a life even comparatively long come to its close! How soon will the ministry of the servant of Christ end in weakness, or disease, if it does not end in death! How powerful are the motives that draw or impel us, whether public or private disciples of Christ, to exert a saving influence on immortal souls around us. We are so connected with others, that blessings and curses, our sorrows and joys, our advances and apostacies are not individual, commonly, but social. For this reason we have a personal interest in the general progress of religion in our community—in this State, and especially in that ecclesiastical body in the State with which we are associated. Sixteen years ago last January, this General Conference was organized in the vestry of this hurch by a very small representation from a few County Conferences; l its constitution was matured the following June at Minot. This, , may be considered as our Fifteenth Annual Meeting. But though beginnings of the Conference were small, God, has blessed our

meetings by his Spirit; and the Conferences, churches and pastors have increased in numbers. In the memory of many yet alive our only annual meeting was that of the Maine Missionary Society, and it occupied but a single afternoon, and drew together only a few ministers, and a few private Christians from the neighboring towns; now they can with difficulty be crowded into three days, or be accommodated in even the largest house of worship. We look over a large State, where families are filling up the unoccupied territory, and where new churches and new Conferences will be organized, and the State of religion is interesting, not merely for what it now is, but for what it will be, as present causes are operating mighty effects, to be themselves the great causes of still greater effects, and so on to the end of time, and, as we may suppose, throughout eternity.

We have to survey eleven Conferences.

In Aroostook County, the institutions of the Gospel are beginning to be planted. Several churches already exist there, but no County Conference is formed. A Bible Society for the County, has been organized at Houlton, during the year.

Washington Conference has sixteen churches, with 9 pastors, and 1083 members. In Calais, the Great Head of the church has heard prayer, and has sent down his Spirit, and has of late, it is hoped, converted some, awakened others, and reclaimed several. The spirit of prayer and anxious inquiry still remains. The number reclaimed by the Temperance reform within a few months, male and female, is more than 700, all belonging to the Washingtonian and Martha Washingtonian Societies. In Dennysville, a goodly number are much revived, but the work had a limited influence among the impenitent, there being but one or two marked cases of hope, and several others for a while deeply impressed. For the last few months it is evident that God's holy Spirit has been with the church in Eastport. Twenty recently came out from the world and united with God's people. The Washingtonian movement has saved many from a drunkard's grave; and some of them are seen inquiring the way to Zion. In Perry, there has been of late a reviving of religious interest, meetings are full and solemn, and there is a hope of better days. The church in Cooper, since its organization Feb. 22, 1826, has been highly favored, though never yet blessed with a settled pastor. The church has grown from its original small number of three to twenty. A very neat and convenient house of worship was dedicated to God March 30, 1826, for the use of the church, erected by a single individual at a cost of $2300; and nearly all of it still remains in his hands, kindly set apart to the spiritual good of his neighbors and townsmen. In other churches interesting scenes have been transpiring of late.

Hancock and Waldo Conference embraces 17 churches, 11 pastors and one stated supply. In Castine 40 thoughtful and inquiring souls are reported, some twenty-five of whom are indulging hope, and are expected soon to unite with the church. In Bucksport, a number are indulging hope, the fruits of a recent work of grace; and a pleasing interest in religion still exists. There was some appearance of a revival in Brooks late in the Autumn, and one or two hopeful conversions; but a painful case of discipline not carried through with faith to a happy result, seemed to hinder the revival. Seven have been received by the church on profession. In Camden the state of religion was low, until some time in February last, when divine influences were evidently felt in quickening some of the church. Prayer meetings were held almost every evening for two or three months, which were well attended; and often

marked by manifest tokens of the divine presence. Under the g
and heavenly influences of the Holy Spirit religion has been revive
members of the church have generally been quickened, and some
much strengthened. Eight stand propounded, and others indulge a
in Christ. The church is well united, and the state of Zion is th
to be more prosperous here than it has been for several years past.

In Penobscot Conference are 29 churches, with 11 pastors an
stated supply, and 1663 members. Blanchard has enjoyed a re
and 32 have been added by profession. Dixmont reports diminis
numbers and dark prospects. In Garland, about 30 intemperate pe
have reformed, some of whom have united with evangelical chur
This church has been blessed with a revival, has received 10 on pr
sion, and expects some others. As the results of a revival in Mo
40 have indulged a hope. Eighteen joined the church by professio
first of May. The revival has been the means of doing away al
cord, and producing harmony in the church. In Sangerville, durin
winter and spring, many members have been in a revived state.
boring in connexion with the Methodists, 5 or 6 hopeful conver
have taken place. In Milo there has been a powerful refreshing
the presence of the Lord. In Brownville, the mercy of God has
experienced, and many have been brought from darkness into light
bout the first of last January these was a waking up among profe
Christians. The meeting of the Conference at Dexter gave a quic
ing influence to the church. Protracted meetings were held first b
Methodists, and then by the Congregationalists, and many were bro
to submit to God and trust in Christ. It is thought that betwee
and 70 have passed from death to life in this revival. The conver
are mostly among the young, and for the most part confined to the
dren of the church, especially have those been blessed, who have
constant attendants at the Sabbath School. From Hampden it is re
ed that there had been, for five or six weeks, more than usual atte
to the interests of the soul, and 8 or 10 of young persons and others
hopefully entered upon the Christian life, and others were anxious.
rington has recently enjoyed the rich gift of God's Spirit in the q
ening of his professed followers; and in calling up the attention of t
out of the ark of safety. Ten have been added to the church by pr
sion. The North church, Bangor, reports a revival under the labor
Rev. James Carruthers, and the hopeful conversion of 25. Of the
church, Bangor, it is said, we have had an interesting revival fo
last three months, or more. Perhaps at no previous time have so l
a proportion of the members experienced the quickening and refres
influences of the Divine Spirit. There have been some 50 or 6
quirers at times, a part of whom are now cherishing the hope of pa
through Christ. The work still seems to be in progress though its
gress is slow. In Hammond Street Church, Bangor, special atte
began to be given, about the first of last January, to the reviving o
ligion, particularly by bringing before the church, and keeping be
them, a resolution that they would do immediately what they c
A few then visited from house to house; and in March, 12 brethren
unteered to visit the church. These visits were interesting to themse
and to those visited. Most of the members were induced to attend the
ference and prayer meetings. These meetings were well attended,
Holy Spirit was evidently present, and sinners were solemn; and
general consent those meetings were continued to the time when th
port was made; and God has converted many to himself. There l

been 40 new and hopeful conversions. Backsliders have been reclaimed, and many, who formerly had hopes and had neglected to profess Christ before the world, have had their hopes renewed and strengthened. The church in Foxcroft and Dover has received a blessing from God, 25 have been hopefully converted, and 7 now stand propounded. In Burlington 5 intemperate persons have been hopefully converted. The cause of Temperance is represented as flourishing through the Conference; and 30 hopeful conversions of those once intemperate have been numbered, besides other cases of such conversions not numbered. God has blessed the conference, and the reports of the next year will exhibit the precious fruits of the recent work of grace, which shall have been gathered into the churches.

Lincoln Conference reports 19 churches with 16 pastors and 2068 members. Many of the churches have been blessed during the past year, by refreshings from the presence of the Lord. Upon the following churches and congregations, in East Thomaston, Thomaston, Warren, Waldoboro', Newcastle, Boothbay, Wiscasset, Woolwich, Bath, Phippsburg and Bristol the Spirit of God has been poured out in his converting and saving power; and many souls have been born into his kingdom. But few of these have yet been added to the churches, as the revivals, in which they have been hopefully converted, are of a recent date. Sabbath schools are connected with all the churches, and are generally in a flourishing condition. The Temperance cause has made great progress. A large number of inebriates have been not only reformed in their habits of intemperance, but hopefully converted to God.

Somerset Conference now numbers 13 churches, with 5 pastors and 3 stated supplies. Returns of additions and removals have been made from only three of the churches. Two of the churches, the one in Solon Village, and the one in Skowhegan, have been organized the past year, with fair prospects. It has been a time of unusual peace and harmony during the past year; and, more than this, God has poured out his Spirit upon the churches, and has revived his work. The churches in Bloomfield, Skowhegan, Solon, Solon Village and Anson, have been visited with interesting revivals. In Mercer an interesting state of things now exists. For some weeks Christians have been waking up; and appearances are very encouraging at the present time. There has recently been one hopeful conversion; and some are now inquiring what they shall do to be saved. The church are praying, hoping for, and expecting a revival. The cause of Temperance has made astonishing progress in every part of the County. Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes and Maternal Associations are in a flourishing state; and the subject of Infant Baptism is receiving increased attention. "Though few in numbers," adds the report from the Conference, and feeble in resources, yet on the whole, the churches and pastors of this Conference feel encouraged and disposed to toil on, putting their trust in God.

Franklin Conference embraces 13 churches, 7 of which have pastors; two others have regular preaching a part of the time; and the remaining four are at present destitute of ministerial labors. The whole number of members is 819. In Farmington there appearing an increased disposition to attend religious meetings, they were held every evening in the week except Saturday, for four weeks. A divine blessing seemed to attend them, and the stated means of grace in connection with them. The church was greatly revived; and some, previously indulging a faint hope, have had that hope greatly strengthened. The subjects of this gracious visitation of the Most High are principally the children

of the church, and members of the Sabbath School, though a few heads of families have rejoiced to share with them in it.

The branch of the church of Industry formed two years ago at Flagg-staff, still flourishes, and is blessed by God's covenant mercies. Two sisters recently joined the church. One was with difficulty transported across the river to the house of God, and was obliged to keep her bed during most of the services, but seemed to forget her weakness and pains, when for the first time she commemorated the sufferings and death of her Saviour, with her father and five brothers and sisters, who with her were the only surviving children of a mother now in heaven. On the 28th of last may another branch of the church of Industry was organized in Lexington, of eleven members, eight of whom are heads of families. This branch may be regarded as among the first fruits of a revival which commenced in that place about the first of March last. Before that time the most of its members were "far from God by wicked works," and knew not the way of life. The change has been great and glorious.

In New Sharon, a few months ago, there was some special interest among the people connected with this church and several interesting cases of hope occurred. In New Vineyard, a protracted meeting of eleven days, in which several denominations of Christians united, resulted in the hopeful conversion of thirty persons. In Phillips, sovereign grace interposed amidst difficulties existing in the church, the Spirit was poured out, and many sinners were hopefully converted. Strong is afflicted by the sickness of its pastor; and Temple is now destitute. In Wilton the general state of religion has been low, but recently a more than usual degree of effort in united prayer, and other means for the salvation of sinners has been very apparent in the several evangelical denominations. During the last month most of the evenings were spent in union prayer meetings, attended by a very goodly number. God himself was there reviving the hearts of his people, convincing the unconverted of their sins, and turning some few from darkness to light.

In Kennebec Conference are 15 churches with 9 pastors and one stated supply, who is numbered among the pastors of Lincoln Conference. The members are 1123.

God has graciously visited the South church in Augusta with the rain of his grace, and 25 have hopefully been brought from darkness to light. Gardiner has increased from 48 members by the last report to 66 last September, having experienced during the year then ending the mercy of God, the manifestation of the Spirit's presence and power. From Hallowell it is recently reported, that 15 stand propounded for admission. The past year has been a year of unprecedented mortality in its ranks, having lost by death ten of its most exemplary members. It has, however, been a year of mercy, as well as of judgement. A precious season of revival has been experienced, and between 30 and 35 have hopefully passed from death to life. To Pittston eleven have been added. God has graciously shed down his Spirit, and about 25 hopeful conversions are the fruits of the work. Winthrop has received 29 by profession, and nine are reported as propounded. The church in Readfield being reduced in number and destitute of a pastor, and having no present prospect of having another, on application to the church in Winthrop, have been admitted as a branch. The Report from Winthrop says, "The revival with which it has pleased a gracious God to favor us, deserves the most humble and grateful acknowledgement. "It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes." Our choir of singers have shared largely in the blessed work, so that the greater part of them now, we

hope, sing with the spirit as well as with the understanding. Our Sabbath school has received quite an important accession to its numbers and its interest. Our concerts of prayer are better attended than formerly; especially that for the enslaved, though by no means so well as it would be desirable to have them. The Methodists have admitted to their class nearly 30; and in the Baptist Society in the east part of the town about 30 are thought to give evidence of having been renewed. More than 40 have erected an altar to God in their houses. A very considerable number trust that they have been born of the Spirit, who have not yet become connected with any church."

Oxford Conference reports 12 churches with 9 pastors, and 876 members. During the past year there has been no general revival in this Conference. On one or two places only have a few mercy drops fallen. With a single exception, there appears to be a happy degree of unanimity of feeling and action among the members of the churches; and there is as much, perhaps more interest felt in the benevolent objects of the day than at any former period.

Union Conference is composed of 13 churches having 10 pastors, and 1277 members. There has been no special attention to religion, within the bounds of this conference except in the church in Otisfield. That church was blessed with a revival during the winter, which resulted in the conversion of several from the world, and which quickened the church. This is the fourth revival with which the church has been blessed within 8 years past; and during that period about 150 have been added to the communion of the church. At the last meeting of the conference the churches were generally represented as enjoying the blessing of peace, but most of them were mourning on account of the low state of religion among them.

In Cumberland Conference there are now 31 churches, the Bethel Church in Portland having been admitted at the recent meeting of the Conference. Of these churches 21 have pastors, and six others have preaching throughout the year. The whole number of members is 3944. Several churches, as Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Windham, and Saccarappa have been blessed with interesting revivals of religion. The largest addition reported, viz: 27, has been made to the Abyssinian church in Portland. All the churches, with one or two exceptions, report external prosperity; and many of them are blessed with an unusual degree of harmony, brotherly love, and spirituality. God is still with the churches, and manifests his readiness to do great things for them.

York Conference numbers 26 churches with 14 pastors and 5 stated supplies; whole number of members 2435. The year has been signalized by some special mercies from on high; and the converting and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit have been enjoyed in several of the congregations, as Biddeford, First and second church, Kennebunk, Kennebunk-port, First and South Church, Limerick, and Lyman. A few hopeful conversions are reported in Buxton, Shapleigh, and the First church in York. Biddeford First church has received on profession, 22; the second church 17, Kennebunk, 6, and Kennebunk-port, South, 12. Revivals were reported last year in Newfield and Wells 1st church; and now the former reports an accession of nine; and the latter of 39 by profession. The little refreshing in Shapleigh is a great blessing to that long depressed and feeble church; and its old number of five has now risen to ten; and it now enjoys the presence of a pastor. Some towns have been unusually blessed by the Temperance Reform. Among these York stands pre-eminent, once our shire town, and anciently the capital

of Maine, and lately distinguished for its freedom in the use of intoxicating drinks. Now there is not a drop of alcoholic liquor to be sold in the town. The Washingtonian Total Abstinence Society numbers more than one thousand. There must be yet in York something of the Spirit that was upon their venerable Moody of former days. Last year there were reported in this Conference 12 pastors and 7 stated supplies; now there are reported 14 pastors and 5 stated supplies.

The progress of religion and its actual state through the General Conference may be seen by several facts. There were ordained or installed last year thirteen; and this year sixteen; and one besides ordained as a Foreign Missionary; and one also without a pastoral charge. The payments from the state to the A. B. C. F. M. for the year ending with the Missionary Herald for June 1841 were $6,525,16. For the year ending June 1842 they were $9,377,10. The payments from Maine to the American Bible Society, of which a large part are from Congregational Societies, for the year ending April 30, 1841, were $865,-76; and for the year ending April 30, 1842 they were $1762,19. But the Education Society exhibits a different state of interest. The payments to the Maine Branch of the American Education Society as acknowledged in the American Quarterly Register for the year ending May 1841, were $1,486,75. For the year ending May 1842 they were $827,24. Yet the wants of the churches are in fact growing; and they are raising their standard of ministerial qualifications, and there is an increased number of young men preparing for the ministry; and it may be presumed that there is about the same proportion of those whose circumstances make aid desirable, if not necessary. The number on the Catalogue of Bangor, excluding resident licentiates, was in 1841 thirty-five, and in 1842 thirty-eight. The number of Students on the Catalogue of Bowdoin College was, four years ago, 124, and now it is 177. There ought to be the same proportion of these now as then looking to the ministry of the Gospel. However, with all that the churches do for themselves, and for the Maine Missionary Society, with all that is done by parents and the christian public to train up pious, promising young men to preach the word of God, it may be doubted whether we do much more than keep up the same deficient proportion of supply with the growing population.

Our churches, five years ago, that is, in 1837, were 180, and the pastors were 123; now in 1842 the churches are 207, and the pastors are 138.

The additions are by profession 828; by letter 213; the removals have been by death 256; by dismission and recommendation 291; and by excommunication 34. The whole number of members, 17,770.

The decision of the North Eastern Boundary Question, which is now hoped for from the mercy of God through the agency of men, will promote the rapid settlement of our large share of the great and rich valley of the St. John, and the wide and fertile country on the head waters of the Penobscot; and here, with churches of other denominations, may numerous Congregational churches be formed. Our territory, diminished as it may be, may sustain at least six millions of people, and many youth in our congregations may live to see it covered, fifty years hence, by about two millions; and this population with their free institutions, their evangelical ordinances and their enlightened, active mind, may be among those that will rank highest on earth in powerful and beneficial influence on the world. When the consider this, how can we betray the trust of the gospel which God has given us?

Though the work of evangelical reformation, as it goes against the nature of man and the habits of Society, is difficult, yet God is with us, and prepares the way for us. The Temperance Reform is an example of this; and perhaps in no State has it been so remarkable for its rapidity, thoroughness and extent. The number of Temperance pledges obtained throughout the United States were recently estimated at half a million. In Maine 50,000 pledges have been given, and 5000 of these are reckoned reformed men.

Other causes may effectually co-operate with us, and shall we not, then, strengthen our hands for the good work? It is a day of great associated effort. The providence of God has prepared the way for this; and thus we find ourselves together, combined to carry out, amidst some trials, God's gracious designs of mercy to lost men. While, then, we have a serious and affectionate remembrance of some brethren, whom we shall meet no more in the house of God below, and while we sympathize with some bereaved, afflicted, and discouraged sister churches, we have occasion for thankfulness and encouragement. May we thus ever go from our holy solemnities joyful and glad of heart, for the goodness that the Lord hath done for David his servant and for Israel his people.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

PENOBSCOT.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Abbot	Chas. Duren						13	2
Bangor 1st	S. L. Pomroy		14	2	16		360	14
" Hammond St.	John Maltby	5	9	3	12	1	234	25
" North			2				16	
Blanchard	Horatio Ilsley s. s.	32					64	11
Bradford								
Brewer 1st	Nathan Dole	1	1	4	2	1	115	12
Brewer East	J. R. Munsell M.			4	7		86	
Brownville	Wm. S. Sewall				2		53	6
Burlington							14	1
Corinna	J. Eaton s. s.	2	3				12	2
Dedham		3	1				15	2
Dexter	J. Eaton s. s.	2		1	7		18	6
Dixmont				1	2	2	20	
Exeter		2		1			13	
Foxcroft & Dover	Elias Wells	2	12		3		96	6
Garland	*S. S. Drake* .S	10	7	4			53	15
Glenburn							19	
Hampden	B. Tappan Jr.	3	4	2	1		99	12
Levant	Robert Page	2			3		62	3
Lincoln				1			19	
Milo					1		18	
Monson	Horatio Ilsley	18	5		2		74	9
Old Town		1			3		29	2
Orono		5	2				57	4
Orrington		10	1		9	3	67	6
Sangerville	Charles Duren	1	3				34	1
Sebec					4		13	
Williamsburg							6	
20	12	99	65	23	74	7	1693	139

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions. Prof	letter	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Bap.
Acton	Clement Parker	1		1			78	
Alfred	A. W. Fisk s. s.		3	5	7		128	2
Biddeford 1st	Charles Peabody	22	3		2		120	6
do 2d	Caleb Kimball s.s.	17	5	2	2		84	
Buxton	Benj. Rice		1	2			80	1
Cornish							12	
Eliot		1	1	2		4	132	1
Kennebunk	*G. W. Cressey* S.	6	2	1	2		75	13
Kennebunkport 1st				1	1		69	
do South	John Baker s.s.	12			2		93	
do Union		2		1	2		5	
Kittery	Reuben Kimball						34	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring		1	2	6		118	
Limerick	Chas Freeman M.	4	5	1			126	7
Limington	H. A. Merrill s.s.	2	2	3			81	11
Lyman	D. Kendrick s.s.	1			6	1	126	2
Newfield	S. B. Gilbert	9					90	
Parsonsfield							47	
Saco		1	4	1	5		228	
Sanford	G. W. Bourne		3	4	6	1	81	
Shapleigh	Amasa Loring	4					10	3
South Berwick							130	
Wells 1st	Jonas Colburn	39		5	5		266	28
Wells 2d	Chas Walker	2		2			91	6
York 1st	John L. Ashby	3	2	4	1		105	1
York 2d	Sam'l Stone						27	
26	19	126	32	37	47	6	2436	81

LINCOLN.

Alna							74	
Bath 1st	J. W. Ellingwood	8	3	4	4		238	23
Bath 2d	Ray Palmer						76	
Boothbay	D. Cushman	89	6	1	3		221	100
Bremen			1				22	
Bristol	S. L. Gould	29					100	
Edgecomb		19	1	1	2		129	6
Lisbon	Stephen Merrill						14	
New Castle	Edwin Seabury	60		2	4		140	48
Phipsburg	Asa T. Loring			2	3		200	
Thomaston 1st	R. Woodhull			3	2		101	
" 2d	S. C. Fessenden	2	2				32	
Topsham	N. Lord	1		3	4	1	141	
Union	U. Balkham	2	3				50	
Waldoborough	John Dodge	9		3		2	173	
Warren	E. F. Cutter		3	3	2		109	1
Washington	J. G. Merrill	4	1	2			58	
Wiscasset	*W. L. Matther* S.	4	1		1		130	6
Woolwich	J. C. Goss M.			1			60	
19	16	227	21	25	25	3	2068	184

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Amherst	*M. W. Strickland* S						18	
Belfast 1st	E. G. Cutler						172	
Bluehill	Albert Cole						168	
Brooksville	M. Ellis s. s.	1		2			43	
Bucksport	W. J. Breed	12	4		1	2	128	
Camden	Nath'l Chapman	2		4	4		126	1
Castine Trin. Ch.	B. B. Beckwith	26					116	23
Deer Isle	J. Adams s. s.						200	
Ellsworth	Sewall Tenney						108	
Frankfort	W. Parker						70	
Jackson & Brooks	Luther Wiswall	7			3		86	15
Knox & Vicinity							26	1
Mt Desert							149	
Prospect 1st	Stephen Thurston						258	
Prospect 2d	Jas P. Stone		1	1			51	6
Sedgewick	M. Ellis	4		1	2		53	
Swanville							39	
17	12	52	5	8	10	2	1811	46

SOMERSET.

Anson	Levi Loring s.s.						16	
Athens	Levi Loring s.s.						14	
Bingham	Cyrus Stone			3			90	
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway	15		3			141	
Cornville							13	
Fairfield							23	
Madison	Joseph Tucker s.s.						25	
Mercer	*Oren Sikes* S			3	1		66	3
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet						98	
Solon	G. W. Fargo s.s.						45	
Solon Village	Cyrus Stone s. s.						15	
Skowhegan							21	
St. Albans	Nathan Douglass						44	
13	8	15		9	1		611	3

OXFORD.

Andover	A. Hubbard	1	2	2	1		42	
Bethel	Chas. Frost, M.	2	1	4			179	
Dixfield							33	
Gilead	H. Richardson			3			49	4
Norway	Charles Soule	1					120	
Oxford	*I. Carlton*, s.	1		2		1	70	9
Paris North								
Paris South	J. Walker	2	2	3			129	3
Rumford	E. S. Hopkins			3			67	4
Shelburne N. H.	H. Richardson	1					8	
Sumner	Samuel Sewall	5	1				99	3
Turner	Allen Greely	3		2	1		80	
12	9	16	6	19	2	1	876	23

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Baldwin	Noah Emerson			1			15	
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams						185	
Cape Elizabeth	Wm. Pierce s. s.	7	1	1	2		50	
Cumberland	Joseph Blake	6	1	10	2		154	9
Danville							8	
Durham		6	4		3	4	54	
Falmouth, 1st	Charles Dame		2	2	1		143	3
Falmouth, 2d	John Gunnison	3	4				75	
Freeport	E. G. Parsons		4	4	1		220	11
Gorham	John S. Davenport	9	5	8	5		177	18
Gray	N. W. Sheldon	1		3	3		50	2
Harpswell							40	
Hebron & W Minot		1		2	1		29	
Lewiston Falls	J. Drummond						77	
Minot	Elijah Jones	1	1	5	3	1	258	
New Gloucester	*S. H. Shepley* S.		3	5	2		196	8
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley	2	5	8	6		302	18
N. Yarmouth 2d	Caleb Hobart		1	2	2		118	7
Poland	T. Williams	4	1	1	1		86	
Portland 2d	J. B. Condit	5	4	9	9	1	418	10
Portland 3d	W. T. Dwight	10		1	5		300	11
" High St.	J. W. Chickering	13	10	6	12	5	352	12
" Abyssinian	A. N. Freeman	27	1			1	57	13
" Bethel	Dana Clayes s. s.							
Pownal	W. V. Jordan s. s.	2	2	2			134	
Raymond		1		1			13	
Scarborough	Daniel Sewall	9		4	3		102	
Standish	S. Baker s. s.						74	
Westbrook 1st	J. Sewall Jr.		1				82	6
" 2d(Saccarappa)	J. H. Mordough	6		4	3		91	
Windham	Wm. Warren	13	4	1	2		74	
21	25	126	52	80	68	12	3944	131

WASHINGTON.

Calais	S. H. Keeler						117	
Cherryfield							11	
Cooper							20	
Dennysville	Robert Crossett M.						92	
East Machias	T. T. Stone						160	
Eastport	E. G. Carpenter						64	
Jonesborough							15	
Lubec							26	
Machias	S. D. Ward						163	
Machias-port	G. Batcheller						71	
Northfield							21	
Pembroke							34	
Perry	*W. Davenport*, s.						144	
Robbinston	David B. Sewall						76	
Whiting							22	
Whitneyville	John A. Perry						47	
16	9						1083	

KENNEBEC.

ırches.	Pastors.	Additions. Prof	letter	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Bap.
n	J. E. Wilkins			1	1		29	
sta North							50	
sta South	B. Tappan D. D.	6	5	3	2		183	
n							20	
ner	Josiah W. Peet						66	
well	Eli Thurston	2	3	10			220	
ield	Timothy Davis	3		4	1		78	
n	J. T. McCollom	11					50	
y							15	
	J. E. Wilkins						28	
borough				1	2		47	
ville	*C. E. Park* S.	1	1				72	
sor	J. G. Merrill s. s.	1	1				33	
ow							55	
rop	David Thurston	29	6	4	5		158	
5	9	53	16	23	11		1114	

UNION.

y	G. F. Tewksbury	1		1	2		80	
on	C. F. Page M.	9		3			114	
on South	J. P. Fessenden			1	3	2	49	
on North							45	
ıfield	D. Gerry	7		2	2		45	
ark	D. Gerry	4		2			39	
urg	C. Hurd		2	3	4		255	
on		1	1		9		86	
	D. Gerry			2			18	
	Israel Hills	1		1	2		96	
ld	*J.P.Richardson* s.	23	4	4			201	
n	E. Mason	2			5		49	
ford	J. A. Douglass	3		12	2		200	
13	9	51	7	21	29	2	1277	

FRANKLIN.

ærville	J. H. Conant s. s.			2	5		40	
ngton	Isaac Rogers	5	6	5	2		110	5
te	J. H. Conant s. s.						10	
ry	*John Perham* S.	18	2	1	1		121	22
eld							10	
Portland	John Perham		3		8		24	3
Sharon	J. T. Hawes	13	4		1		103	6
Vineyard	David Turner	12			2		30	11
os		12					57	9
	Wm. May				3	1	111	
le				1	1		85	
				1			68	2
a	Samuel Talbot	3	4	1	1		50	2
13	8	63	19	11	24	1	819	52

AROOSTOOK.

on	Samuel P. Abbot						34	
cello							5	
	James Gooch						9	
3	2						48	

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	No. chs.	No. Pas.	Additions. Prof	Lett.	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex	Total.	Bap.
Cumberland	31	25	126	52	80	68	12	3944	131
Franklin	13	8	63	19	11	24	1	819	52
Hancock & Waldo	17	12	52	5	8	10	2	1811	46
Kennebec	15	9	53	16	23	11		1114	
Lincoln	19	16	227	21	25	25	3	2068	184
Oxford	12	9	16	6	19	2	1	876	23
Penobscot	29	12	99	65	23	74	7	1693	139
Somerset	13	8	15		9	1		611	3
Union	13	9	51	7	21	29	2	1277	
Washington	16	9						1083	
York	26	19	126	32	37	40	6	2436	81
Aroostook	3	2						48	
12	207	138	828	213	256	291	34	17770	659

☞In the preceding tables, the letter M. is appended to the names of Moderators, when known; the names of Scribes are in italics.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Thomas Adams, Portland, Editor of Temperance Gazette.
Jonathan Belden, Hallowell.
Alden B. Boynton, Wiscasset.
John Boynton, do
Caleb Bradley, Westbrook.
Jona. Calef, Lyman.
James Carruthers, Portland, Missionary.
Asa Cummings, do Ed. of Christian Mirror.
Eliphalet Gillett, D. D., Hallowell, Sec'y of Maine Miss'y Society.
Simeon Hackett, Farmington.
Joseph Hillard, Berwick.
Thomas Jameson, Gorham.
Joseph C. Lovejoy, Hallowell, Ed. of Liberty Standard.
Enos Merrill, Falmouth.
Freeman Parker, Wiscasset.
Wooster Parker, Frankfort.
Cyril Pearl, Buckfield, Preacher, Teacher.
Enoch Pond, D. D., Prof. in Theol. Seminary, Bangor.
John Sawyer, Garland.
Jotham Sewall, Chesterville, Missionary.
John W Shepard, Saco.
George Shepard, Prof. Theological Sem. Bangor.
Amasa Smith, Cumberland.
D. Talcot Smith, Prof. Sem. Bangor.
David Starret, Augusta.
Thos. C. Upham, Prof. Bow'd College Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, jr. D. D. Pres. Bow'd College Brunswick.
Isaac Weston, Portland.
James Weston, Standish.
Franklin Yeaton, Gorham, Teacher in Sem'y.

DAYS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Conferences.	*Annual Meeting*	*Semi. An. Meeting.*
Cumberland,	June preceding 2d Wed.	Tuesday prc'g 2d Wed. Jan.
Franklin,	Second Tuesday June.	
Hancock&Waldo,	Second Tuesday June.	Third Tues Jan'ry
Kennebec,	Fourth Tues. Sept.	
Lincoln,	Third Tues. Aug.	
Oxford,	First Tues. June.	
Penobscot,	Tues. prec'g 2d Wed. June.	Second Tues. Jan'ry.
Somerset,	Second Tues. June.	
Union,	Tues. prec'g 3d Wed. June.	Tue. pre'g 4th Wed. Dec.
Washington,	Second Wed. June.	
York	First Tuesday June.	First Tues. Oct.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

AS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN BRUNSWICK, JUNE 1839.

ART. I. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Maine.

ART. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen:—and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches, two ministers and two laymen: and also of the officers, and delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the time for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. III. The Union Conference, though not *bounded by County lines*, is admitted a member of this body with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

ART. IV. Ordained ministers, who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

ART. V. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator chosen by ballot to continue in office three years.

ART. VI. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. VII. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. X. This Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock, A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the scriptures and prayer.

ART. XII. At each meeting of the Conference a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through their hands and with their approbation.

ART. XIII. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. XIV. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connexion by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. XV. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. XVI. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. XVII. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two thirds of the members present.

RULES.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution;—or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall if requested be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement or commitment.

9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connexion with the Conference.

10. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN BANGOR,

JUNE 27, 1843.

PORTLAND:
ALFRED MERRILL, PRINTER.
1843.

MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at the Meeting house of the First Parish in the city of Bangor, Tuesday June 27th, 1843. at 9 o'clock, A. M. Present, as members, the following Delegates from the several County Conferences, viz.

York,	Rev. S. B. Gilbert, Rev. Geo. W. Cressey, Rev. B. R. Allen, Bro. John A. Morrill,
Cumberland,	Rev. Thomas Williams, Rev. Aaron C. Adams, Rev. James Drummond, Bro. S. Blanchard, Bro. Joseph E. Foxcroft,
Kennebec,	Rev. David Thurston, Rev. J. W. Peet,
Somerset,	Rev. Oren Sikes, Rev. Cyrus Stone, Bro. Mortimer Bodwell,
Penobscot,	Rev. Robert Page, Rev. J. Smith, Bro. Walter Goodale, Bro. H. N. Page.
Franklin,	Rev. J. T. Hawes, Rev. Alpha Morton, Bro. Samuel Wyman, Dea. Oliver Sewall,
Union,	Rev. L. W. Harris,
Oxford,	Rev. Samuel Sewall, Rev. E. S. Hopkins, Bro. John Conant.
Lincoln,	Rev. S. C. Fessenden, Dea. James Starrett.
Washington,	Rev. David B. Sewall,
Hancock & Waldo,	Rev. Jotham Sewall, Jr. Rev. Luther Wiswall, Bro. J. S. Kimball,
Piscataquis,	Rev. Samuel S. Drake, Rev. Horatio Ilsley, Dea. Jonah Thomas, Bro. William D. Hoar.

MEMBERS *ex-officiis.*

Rev. George E. Adams, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles Freeman, *Corresponding Secretary*; Rev. D. Shepley, *Recording Secretary*; Rev, J. W. Chickering, Treasurer; Rev. Messrs. S. L. Pomroy, J. R. Munsel, S. D. Ward, Sewall Tenney, Ray Palmer, Eli Thurston, Benjamin Tappan Jr., W. T. Dwight, and Deacon E. Adams.

Corresponding Bodies.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire, Rev. J. W. Perkins.
Gen. Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Samuel M. Worcester.
Gen. Association of Connecticut, Rev. Joseph Fuller.

Gen. Assembly of Presb. Church, (old school) Rev. Joseph H. Jones.

A hymn was sung, the scriptures were read, and prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. Pomroy, Moderator.

The names of members of conference were then enrolled. The Piscataquis Conference of churches recently formed, at their request, were admitted into membership with the General Conference.

The Constitution and rules of Conference, were read. Rev. George E. Adams was elected Moderator.

Rev. C. Freeman, a Committee of Conference on the statistics of the churches, read a report on that subject, which was accepted.

REPORT.

The Committee beg leave to report, that in the Ecclesiastical bodies of some of the states in N. England, measures have been taken to collect statistics, in addition to such common facts as enter into our annual Minutes; and statistics are now deemed very important materials for studying the best interests of communities. The defective reports in our Minutes from some Conferences, and from many churches shew that there is need of calling attention to this subject.

The Committee therefore recommend that the following resolutions be adopted.

1. That it be recommended to the churches to keep full and accurate records, and to be careful to report their Ecclesiastical statistics to their County Conference, that they may be reported to the General Conference; and that the Reporter of the General Conference keep and arrange them for future use.

2. That attention to Ecclesiastical statistics by individuals and voluntary associations would be a useful service to religion, and would promote the public good.

Rev. Ray Palmer, delegate of Conference to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church; Rev. E. Thurston, to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. B. Tappan Jr. and Rev. S. C. Fessenden, to the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. W. T Dwight to the General Association of New Hampshire; and Rev. J. W. Chickering to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, all reported, that they had attended to the services assigned them, and had been received in a truly fraternal and christian spirit.

Rev. Messrs. Palmer, Tenney and Sikes were appointed Committee of nominations.

At 11 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. Mr. Lane, agent of the Am. Bible Society, a sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Anderson, Secretary of the American Board, from 2d Chron. 29. 36.

After the public services and before adjournment the roll was called, and ordained ministers present, not members of Conference, were invited to sit as honorary members, and take part in the deliberations of the meeting.

Tuesday Afternoon. The Conference met at 2 o'clock, and the services were introduced by singing, reading of the scriptures and prayer by the Moderator.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—THE SABBATH—SEAMEN—SLAVERY—TEMPERANCE—THE BIBLE.

These objects were the subjects of addresses in their order, by Rev. Messrs. Clark of Massachusetts and Breed, on the cause of Sabbath Schools; Rev. Mr. Chickering on the Christian Sabbath; Rev. Mr. Bourne on the claims of Seamen; Rev. Dr. Tappan on Slavery; Rev.

Mr. Palmer on Temperance; and Rev. Mr. Lane on the cause of the Bible.

These addresses were interspersed with devotional services in which Rev. R. Woodhull and Rev. Jotham Sewall, Sen. led.

[*Tuesday Evening. The Maine Congregational Charitable Society* held its annual meeting. The object of this Society is to relieve the indigent widows and children of deceased Congregational Ministers. Sermon by Rev. J. Sewall, jr. from John 19: 25—27. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, &c. Collection, about $55 25. Officers elected. Rev. B. Tappan D. D. *President;* Dea. S. Adams, *Vice President*; Rev. C. Freeman, Secretary; Rev. D. Thurston, Treasurer. Trustees, Rev. Messrs. A. Greely, J. W. Ellingwood, E. Gillett, D. D., G. E. Adams, J. B. Condit, E. Thurston, and E. Jones, with the President and Secretary. Preachers for next anniversary, Rev. J. Maltby first; Rev. S. Thurston, second.]

Wednesday Morning. At 5 1-2 o'clock, on this and the following morning there was a devotional meeting.

At 8 o'clock, the Conference met for business.

The Scriptures were read and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Cressey.

Rev. Mssers. R. Page, D. Thurston and Fessenden, were appointed a Committee, to consider communications to the Conference inviting correspondence from the Congregational Association of Michigan, and the Congregational and Presbyterian Association of Wisconsin, and report. This committee afterwards reported, and the subject was recommitted for a report at next meeting.

The Committee of Nominations reported, and the following appointments were made:

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of which Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., was last Moderator. Rev. E. Gillett, D. D. and Bro. Rufus K. Page. *Substitutes,* –Rev. Stephen Thurston, and Dea. Bliss Blodgett.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of which Rev. A. D. Eddy was last Moderator. Rev. E. Pond, D. D. and Dea. Henry Darling. *Substitutes,*—Rev. Edward F. Cutter and Dea. Jesse Page.

To the General Association of Massachusetts. Rev. J. W. Ellingwood and Rev William J. Breed. *Substitutes,*—Rev. Oren Sikes and Rev. J. W. Chickering.

To the General Association of Connecticut. Rev. Thomas Williams, and Rev. Ray Palmer. *Substitutes,*—Rev. Cyril Pearl and Rev. Uriah Balkham.

To the General Association of New Hampshire. Rev. R. Woodhull, and Rev. S. H. Keeler. *Substitutes,*—Rev. Josiah Peet and Rev. Edward F. Cutter.

To the General Convention of Vermont. Rev. George E. Adams, and Rev. S. H. Shepley. *Substitutes,*—Rev. J. W. Peet and Rev. Levi Loring.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island. Rev. David Shepley. *Substitute,*—Rev. Asa T. Loring.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor.

York,	Rev. Charles Freeman,
Cumberland,	Dea. Joseph Libbey,
Lincoln,	Rev. Richard Woodhull,

Hancock & Waldo,	Dea. Samuel Adams,
Penobscot,	Bro. John McDonald,
Washington,	Rev. S. D. Ward,
Oxford,	Rev. Joseph Walker,
Union,	Rev. J. A. Douglass,
Kennebec,	Bro. Rufus K. Page,
Somerset,	Bro. James Bates,
Franklin,	Rev. Josiah T. Hawes,
Piscatquis.	

Committee to certify the standing of Ministers travelling out of the State.

Rev. Messrs. A. Cummings, William T. Dwight, Benjamin Tappan, D. D., E. Gillett, D. D., E. Pond, D. D., and S. L. Pomroy.

The Sabbath.

The Committee of Arrangements introduced the following resolutions which were adopted:—

1. Resolved, That as but six days in a week have been made for secular business, and no more have ever been given to men for that purpose, if they take more, it is without *right*, in opposition to the revealed will of God, and in violation of his law, the penalty of which will show that "the way of transgressors is hard."

2. Resolved, That as the Sabbath was made for man, and the observance of it is essential to the highest social, civil, and religious interests of men, it is not only the duty, but the *right* and the privilege of all men to remember it and keep it holy,

3. Resolved, That the loading and unloading of vessels, the sailing of vessels from the harbor, the running of stage coaches, rail cars, and canal boats, and the travelling in them, the visiting of post offices, reading rooms and other places for secular reading, business or amusement, are not only unnecessary, but are violations of the Law of God, and ought to be abandoned throughout the community.

4. Resolved, That all the Pastors of Churches be, and they hereby are, respectfully requested fully to instruct their people as to the duty and utility of keeping the Sabbath; and to be especially careful to add to their instructions the influence of a uniformly consistent example.

5. Resolved, That it be recommended to all families to supply themselves with some good Sabbath Manual, that the rising generation may all understand the reason for the universal and perpetual observance of the Christian Sabbath; and the teachers of Sabbath Schools are requested to exhibit this subject with plainness and frequency to their pupils.

6. Resolved, That all persons who are acquainted with *facts* which illustrate the duty and ability of observing the Sabbath, and the evils of violating it, are requested to cause them to be published, and circulated, as extensively as possible, that the voice of God, in his providence, as well as in his word, with regard to this subject, may be heard by the people.

7. Resolved, That such is the fundamental importance of the Christian Sabbath, and such its influence upon all the great interests of men, that its due observance ought to receive the earnest attention, the present prayers, and the hearty, active, and persevering co-operation of all friends of God and man throughout the world.

At 9 o'clock the Conference adjourned to give place to the Maine Missionary Society.

[*Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society.* The Report of the Trustees, prepared by Dr. Gillett, Secretary, was read by Dr. Tappan. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Parker, Drummond, Sewall, Sen. and Rev. Mr. Worcester from Massachusetts. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Hathaway.

OFFICERS. Rev. William T. Dwight *President*; Rev. Charles Freeman, Vice President; Rev. E. Gillett, D. D., Secretary; Woodbury Storer Esq., Treasurer; *Trustees*, The President, Rev. Messrs. E. Gillett D. D., D. Thurston, B. Tappan D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, A. Cummings, S. L. Pomroy, J. B. Condit and E. F. Cutter, and Woodbury Storer, Esq. and William Richardson Esq. First preacher, Rev. J. B. Condit; Rev. D. Shepley 2d preacher.]

After the Meeting of Maine Missionary Society the services of Conference were resumed. Rev. Mr. Perkins reported the state of religion in New Hampshire, and Rev. Mr. Worcester that in the churches in Massachusetts.

The Conference was then addressed by Rev. Mr. Cook, Secretary of the American Tract Society.

[*Wednesday Evening*. Meeting of the EDUCATION SOCIETY. The Report of the Directors was read by the Secretary. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Riddel Secretary of the Parent Society and by Rev. Dr. Anderson. OFFICERS. Hon. R. P. Dunlap, *President*. William Richardson, Esq. and Rev. E. Pond, D. D., *Vice Presidents*; B. Tappan, D. D., *Secretary*; Prof. William Smyth, Brunswick, *Treasurer*. Other Directors—Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. W. Ellingwood, G. E. Adams, A. Cummings, D. Shepley, and R. Palmer.]

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock*. Reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Recording Secretary.

After deliberation, resulting in no action, on the subject of Correspondence with other Bodies, Rev. S. Thurston, as introductory to more public services, read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

Rev. S. D. Ward Delegate of the Conference to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Spring was Moderator, reported that he attended the late meeting of the Assembly, and was cordially received.

Rev. C. Freeman, Corresponding Secretary, read the report on the state of religion in the churches of Maine, which, with some modification, was adopted for publication.

Bangor Seminary.

The Report of the Committee to visit this Seminary was read by Rev. J. W. Chickering, and accepted for publication.

REPORT.

We came together at the Anniversary, from different sections of the State, and with different degrees of acquaintance with the condition of the Institution. But we all unite in saying, that the careful examination we made in every particular, deepened our impression both of its importance and its excellence.

The number who completed their course of study last autumn, was nine. Of these one has died; Mr. Grover, a beloved young brother who would soon have been settled in the ministry in our own State. He died in faith. One has been settled in Massachusetts; one in Maine; and one to be settled soon; one is laboring successfully as a missionary in Ohio; three are laboring as stated supplies in Maine, and one has been pursuing his studies through the year at the Seminary. The number of students at present is 41, of whom 33 are graduates of colleges, and 31 belong to this State.

The board, the last year, has been cheaper than ever, falling considerably short of a dollar a week. This is owing we understand, partly to the cheapness of provisions, but more to the economical and excellent

manner in which the boarding establishment is conducted, and to the amount raised by the students on land appropriated to them by the Trustees. The expenses at this seminary are supposed to be less than at any other this side of the Alleganies.

The charitable assistance is the same as in preceding years. There is no charge for tuition, use of library, or room-rent.

To those who need it, and apply, half the price of their board is remitted. Nineteen of the students are beneficiaries of the Am. Ed. Society. These (with all other beneficiaries,) have received, the past year only half the usual appropriations, which has been a great inconvenience to all, and has compelled some to be absent from the Seminary more than was desirable.

The Library has received some small additions during the year.

The State of the Seminary, we are informed by the officers, has been peaceful and pleasant,—one young man, having embraced one of the delusions of the day, and in consequence been chargeable with certain irregularities, has been excluded.

The young men have, as in years past continued their efforts to do good, in connection with Sabbath Schools, Bible Classes, village meetings.

With two or three exceptions the Senior Class are all licensed to preach, and nearly all have been *employed* as preachers during the recent vacation, mostly in the service of the Maine Missionary Society.

State of the Seminary Fund.

The following statement of resources and liabilities we have procured from the Treasurer.

Resources.

Site of the Seminary, say,	$15,000
Buildings,	25,446 15
Furniture, bell, library and Philosophical Apparatus,	9,600
Bank Stock,	2,610
Various parcels of land,	10,829
Notes, Subscriptions &c.	6,930 29
	$70,415 44
Deduct Liabilities	10,301 75
Balance	$60,113 69

"The above," says the Treasurer, "is the value of the property *at the lowest present rates*."

The three first items, under the head of Resources, of course are not available either to pay the debt, except as a last resort, or to meet the current expenses.

The last item is the estimated value of notes &c., the nominal amount of which is 49,373 07. From this amount we shall get finally, in some form or other, as estimated above, 6,930 29. But we cannot rely on it for present want; and when it does come, it will probably be in mortgages, wild land &c., not available for some time to come.

The remaining items *are* available; that is, they *can* be sold for cash; but it must be at a great sacrifice: so great that I think the Trustees would be warranted in effecting loans, if possible, rather than selling.

If the universal opinion were not that this stock and these lands are held at a rate lower than they can be sold for when the business of the country shall be in a settled state, it would be manifestly the duty of the trustees to sell at once, and pay the debt.

But when it is remembered that the professorships are yet to be endowed, and that all the resources of the Institution, which can thus be devoted will be needed for this purpose, it would be unwise to make the sacrifice, so long as a resort to temporary loans and contributions can prevent it.

An income of about $500 is derived from a part of the Bank stock, and from some of the lands. Let it be remembered, that the only available property is the Bank stock, and certain parcels of land; and that if this must *now* be sold, it will only pay the debt, leaving nothing either for current expenses, or towards the endowment of professorships."

From this statement it will be seen that while there is much valuable property and some that is now available, some other resources are indispensable in order to keep the Seminary in operation and prevent a sad waste and dispersion of what has been secured.

We have been thus minute in our statements concerning the affairs and condition of the Seminary, not on account of any official responsibility existing between it and the Conference, but because the Trustees and Officers have evidently desired to place us in possession of all the facts, and because we think the Conference and the churches have a deep interest in the whole matter

We are persuaded that few questions have so important a bearing upon the prosperity of our branch of the church of Christ in this State for the next generation, as that of the existence and prosperity of the Bangor Seminary.

If any think otherwise, we believe a thorough examination of the history of the Congregational churches in the eastern part of the State would change their views.

From what source are the churches now existing, east of the Kennebec river, to look for a supply of educated ministers, if this seminary should be abandoned,—to say nothing of the scores of *new* churches which will be or ought to be gathered, among the 200 000 additional inhabitants who must in that time by birth and immigration people this vast territory.

The great current from all our New England Seminaries, sets strongly westward. Add to this the demands and attractions of the Foreign field, constantly increasing, and the many openings immediately around those seminaries, which take up many of the most promising young men, and then say what hope there is of finding ten able and acceptable men annually for the next twenty years to supply the places of us who are to die, and to furnish the one hundred new churches and missionary fields which *must* spring up in that time, if we are faithful to the Redeemer, between the Aroostook, the St. Johns, and the Kennebec with a suitable ministry.

We know that some are ready to say, "to what purpose is this waste," when they find some 8 or 10 young men coming forth annually. as the only apparent result of an establishment so large and costly.

But we ask in reply, who shall appraise the value of these 8 or 10 young men, thus secured, or most of them, to the Maine churches. We ask further what estimate shall be put upon the influence of the Professors and students, in short of the whole establishment, upon this region, and upon this city which sends out the life pulsations *through* this region. We know that Bangor has done nobly for the Institution; and it is by way of encouraging, and not of disparaging her liberality, that we say she can *afford* to do it.

We ask these fathers and brethren, what would Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties have been, in morals and religion, if the Bangor school and Seminary had *never* been.

And further we reply to the *economical* objection, it is right to look *forward*—and if we suffer this property to be scattered—these able professors to be driven away—and all these remarkable facilities to be lost, how shall we answer it to the million of people who in 1873 shall cover this greatest of the New England States, and who cannot in such case, unless the Lord should make windows in heaven, be supplied with an able and educated ministry.

But it is asked, "what shall be done?" We reply, *something must* be done."

It is true the Seminary can in any event go on a while longer. Its funds may be gradually absorbed, portions of its valuable landed property being disposed of at a ruinous sacrifice, and thus for several years longer its streams of good influence may be continued.

But in order that those streams should become perennial, something must be done to *replenish* and *perpetuate* the FOUNTAIN.

What shall it be? A general contribution in the churches has been tried, and has failed. It is too precarious and too limited a resource.

Individual munificence seems to be marked by Divine providence as the most hopeful and effectual mode. It is by this means that distressing perplexity has been averted more than once within two years past. A relinquishment of a debt to the amount of more than 2000 dollars loaned by some friends in Massachusetts, and more recently 500 from a gentleman in the same State,—50 pounds sterling from Lord Ashburton, and a legacy of 1000 dollars from one whose loss even this latest fruit of his generosity cannot make up to the Institution, these, with many other liberal donations, have kept the hearts of the officers and Trustees from despair at some severe crises.

Are there not others, whom God has blessed, who with their unsought and cheerfully bestowed benefactions will keep the wheels of this important engine in motion, until large gifts and perhaps larger bequests shall have fully endowed all the professorships.

Is it not a worthy, a noble object? Will it not be appreciated by those whom God has prospered? To Him, and under Him, to His friends and servants we commend it, asking the prayers of churches that this fountain may be kept pure, that its streams may never fail to make glad the city of our God. For the Committee,

J. W. CHICKERING.

Rev. Joseph Fuller then reported the state of religion in the churches of Connecticut; and Rev. Joseph H. Jones that in the churches connected with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (Old School.)

Rev. Dr. Anderson addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions to the heathen world, and was followed by the Rev. John Sawyer, whose remarks related to the importance of efforts to raise up pious men for the Gospel ministry. Remarks were made also by Rev. Mr. Case, an aged father in the ministry of the Baptist Denomination.

Resolved, That we rejoice to learn the extensive and increasing usefulness of the American Sunday School Union, and cheerfully recognize the obligation to sympathize and co-operate with them in the good work in which they are engaged by increased efforts to promote the establishment and efficiency of Sabbath Schools within our own borders.

Resolved, As the two hundredth anniversary of the meeting of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, which formed the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, occurs on July 1, 1843, that it be recommended to Ministers connected with this Body, to preach, about that time, to their people on the general subject of catechetical instruction; having special reference to the usages of our fathers in relation to this matter, and to the advantages resulting from this method of introducing truth into the youthful mind.

The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries with Rev. A. Cummings were appointed Publishing Committee.

The resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, and of the Recording Secretary, was accepted, it being understood, that their services, in their respective offices, will cease, at the close of this meeting.

Rev. John W. Chickering of Portland was then elected *Corresponding Secretary*, and Rev. Ray Palmer, of Bath, *Recording Secretary*.

Thursday Afternoon. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Jones of Philadelphia. Sermon before communion by Rev. Sewall Tenney, from Ephe. 4: 14, 15.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Messrs. Chapman and Dr. Anderson.

Through the Moderator, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the citizens of Bangor for their Christian hospitality.

The next meeting of the General Conference is to be held with the 3d. Church in Bath, on Tuesday next preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1844, at 9 o'clock, A. M. First preacher, Rev S. L. Pomroy; second preacher, Rev Ray Palmer. Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Messrs. R. Palmer and John W. Ellingwood and Dea. Gershom Hyde.

D. Shepley, *Rec. Sec.*

Report on the State of Religion in the General Conference of Maine, June 1843.

In commencing our survey of the Congregational churches in Maine, Aroostook County first claims our attention.—There is no County Conference here; but this field does not the less belong to us. The scattered members of our flocks in this section, with the interesting prospects of this great and fertile region, specially fasten our sympathies here. Three churches exist here, with about 60 members, and one pastor, and one stated supply. The Maine Missionary Society is the faithful agent of our churches in exploring this field.

From the sixteen churches of Washington Conference reports are had from only five. To these, five have been added by profession, and nine by letter; and eleven have been removed.

Of the sixteen churches in Washington six only now have pastors. The Rev. Robert Crosset of Dennysville and Rev. William Davenport, having been dismissed by their own request, and the Rev. E. G. Carpenter of Eastport having asked a dismission on account of his health. None of the churches have enjoyed a revival during the year; and the state of religion is low. The whole number of members by the reports now made and by the last information from the other churches, is 1105.

The churches in Hancock and Waldo Conference are seventeen, with fourteeen pastors and stated supplies. The additions by profession have been 168, and the whole number is 1900. The churches of this Conference have reason to acknowledge the love and kindness of God towards them the past year. There has been among them a general steadfastness in the faith in times of abounding error and

delusion. The faith and order of the churches remain unimpaired. Sabbath Schools are well sustained, and a growing interest is manifested in the thorough religious training of the rising generation. The means of grace have been enjoyed as extensively as usual, and have received as much attention. Several churches, Ellsworth, Mt. Desert, Brooksville, Knox, and First and Second churches in Prospect have been blessed with the special influences of the Spirit. But the most extensive revivals within the bounds of the Conference are those enjoyed by the churches in Belfast and Bucksport. In the latter place a work of great depth and power commenced in March. Not less than eighty persons connected with the Congregational Society, besides a goodly number in the Methodist Society have expressed the hope of having passed from death to life, thirty one of whom have united with the church. The congregation is steadily increasing; and the prospects of Zion there were never more encouraging.

In Belfast there have been made displays of grace unprecedented in the history of that town. The good work commenced early in the winter and continued for several months with unabated interest. All the evangelical societies shared in the rich blessing. It was a work of great power, embracing all classes, the vile, the profane, and the sceptical, as well as the moral and upright. Although in time past religion has been much opposed, yet there was but little opposition during the winter. All seemed to feel that it was the work of God. On the first Sabbath in May, fifty one connected themselves with the Congregational church by profession, and three by letter. It was an interesting group, containing the old and the young, parents and children. Among them were two physicians, who had been sceptical—one of them for twenty years a Universalist, and for the last ten a deist. There too was another strong minded man who had for ten years denied the authority of the Bible—and another, who had long been a retailer of ardent spirits, and that too on the holy Sabbath. A great change has come over this church; and they have acquired such strength as to sustain alone the means of grace, and render important aid in sustaining churches yet feeble.

God's dealings with this conference are full of encouragement. Ten years ago the members of these churches were reported as a little less than 700, and they are now 1900.

Then their reports were filled to sadden our hearts, and now to gladden them. Behold, what hath God wrought! Let his name be praised.

Penobscot Conference, by the formation of a Conference in the new county of Piscataquis, has been diminished, and now numbers 20 churches with eight pastors. Added by profession 82, increase 26, whole number 1338. In most of the reports, notice is taken of the harmony prevailing in them, and of the prosperous condition of the Sabbath Schools. The members of the churches appear to be less numerous in proportion to the Congregations than in the other parts of the State.

Piscataquis Conference was organised in Monson, Sept. 20, 1842. In their first annual report they speak of the happy influence of their organization in strengthening the bonds of fellowship and love between the several branches of the Conference. They feel an increased interest in each other, and they appear more than ever like a band of brethren, laboring and praying in the same great and good cause, and they predict favorable results for the future. God has visited some parts of the Conference, and permitted his children to enjoy most precious seasons and revivals. During the winter Abbot was blessed with the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit. During the winter also the church of Foxcroft and Dover enjoyed a most precious revival; and their circumstances were never more pleasant than now, nor their prospects more encouraging. Monson, also, in the winter, enjoyed a most precious revival, in which were 28 conversions, mostly adults, of whom six have already united with the church. Thirteen churches are reported in this Conference with four pastors, and 464 members.

Connected with the Lincoln Conference are 19 churches, with 17 pastors, and stated supplies. 226 have been added, increase 206. Whole No. 2337.

Several of the churches, viz. Alna, Boothbay, Edgecomb, New Castle, Phipsburg, Thomaston 2d church, and Waldoborough, have enjoyed seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and some of them seasons of unusual power. The number of hopeful conversions, which have taken place during these revivals, it is impossible to state. These visitations of mercy have given the churches of this Conference abundant occasion of thankfulness to God.

Kennebec Conference has fifteen churches with 9 pastors

and stated supplies. Whole No. 1145. From two churches only reports have been received; to one of these, Augusta South, 24 have been added by profesession; to the other, Winthrop, 21. The last named church has had some trying cases of discipline; and these it is hoped will result favorably to the cause of truth and righteousness. Meetings called "social district meetings" have been established here, which are stated to promise good to the churches and to the cause of God. The design is to promote christian acquaintance and intercourse. The church has been divided into six districts—a brother is designated by the members in the district, annually, to preside in the meetings. Each meeting is opened by reading a portion of scripture, singing and prayer—the meetings to be held once in two weeks. Any seriously disposed person may attend—the anxious and such as have recently begun to indulge a hope in Christ, are specially requested to attend, and all members of evangelical churches, residing within the district. Each one is expected freely to communicate in relation to his or her spiritual state and progress in the christian course, so that a stronger sympathy in each other's welfare may be awakened, and the bonds of christian affection may be more closely drawn. These commenced in January last, and thus far have been pleasant and profitable.

Somerset Conference numbers thirteen churches with seven pastors and stated supplies. Whole No. 635. The churches comprising this conference have received some strength during the past year. To most of them some additions have been made. A branch of the church in Mercer has recently been formed in the adjoining town of Starks, with encouraging prospects. The chuch in Anson has been visited with the outpourings of God's Spirit. Some mercy drops have also descended upon those of Norridewock and Bloomfield. "Though," say they, "we have abundant cause for gratitude, yet we are a small and feeble body, and greatly need the prayers and sympathies of God's people in other places.

In Franklin Conference some melancholy changes have occurred within the past year. Rev. William May of Strong, has ceased from his ministerial labors, and entered into his everlasting rest. Two pastors have left the conference for other fields of labor. But some pleasing changes have occurred. Revivals of the work of God of greater ex-

tent and power than for many preceding years have been granted to some of the churches; and the prospect brightens that this work will continue and increase in time to come. Chesterville has been visited with a shower of divine mercy. In this gracious visitation, many of the youth, and some of riper age have shared, as it is hoped. The main branch of the church in Industry is afflicted in its destitution of pastoral labor. The branch of this church at Flagg Staff, on Dead River, enjoyed a season of revival about a year since, when quite a number were hopefully born from above; nor is the divine blessing even now withdrawn. The church in Kingfield has enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. In New Portland a few hopeful conversions have occurred; and during a part of last winter the state of religion was interesting. New Sharon has the prospect that, on the ashes of their late house of worship, burned with fire, a new one will soon be built. In one part of Phillips the precious dews of divine grace have been descending for more than six months; and the interest still continues. Strong, while under some affliction, was blessed from above. A series of evening meetings held in the winter and spring seemed to be greatly blessed of God. Eighteen were brought to indulge hopes in God's pardoning mercy. With Temple it has been a season of the right hand of the Most High. For about six or seven weeks in the spring, meetings were held with evident tokens of the special presence and blessing of God. About twenty, it is thought, have been brought to hope that they have passed from death to life, and others are still anxiously inquiring what they shall do to be saved.

Wilton has lost its pastor, but God has granted them a little reviving in their bondage. Thus these churches, as a body, have been highly favored of God. The churches of this conference are thirteen, and the pastors, five. The additions are 86, the increase is 47 and the whole number is 857.

Oxford Conference, instead of counting twelve churches, counts now but eleven; the members of the little church of Paris, North, being numbered among those received by letter into other churches. The eleven churches have nine pastors and one stated supply. Whole No. 902. The churches are united in doctrine, and generally in effort. The church in Paris has been blessed. Not only have the

public means of instruction and grace received increased attention, but they have also been blessed with special divine influence. In this influence the Sabbath School has largely shared. About five sixths of the accessions to the church by profession have been from those favored with this means of instruction. "And never probably" adds the pastor, "have there been so much union and harmony in feeling, prayer and effort, throughout the church, as during the past year. In the benevolent enterprises of the day the church take considerable interest. With the church in Rumford the past year has been a year of the right hand of the Most High. God has revived his work; and, as the result, 26 have been added to the church by profession.

Union Conference reports thirteen churches and eleven pastors. Whole No. 1287. In Bridgton, christians have within a few months been revived. In Harrison, a gradual and silent work of divine grace was enjoyed during the winter; and several cherished the hope that they had passed from death to life. In Hiram, Christians have been revived, a few hopeful conversions have occurred; and the prospects of this little church are more encouraging. In Lovell an interesting state of feeling has existed for a few months; and many of the members of the church have been revived to newness of life. Many of the impenitent have felt more or less anxiety, and a few have indulged a hope. From other churches it is stated that Christians have been revived, that harmony exists, and that the attendance on the worship of God is good.

Cumberland Conference embraces 31 churches, with 25 pastors or stated supplies. Added by profession 168, increase 61. Whole No. 3953. There has been some special interest in religion during the winter or spring, or both, in Gorham, Gray, Lewiston Falls and Pownal. The church in Hebron and West Minot has enjoyed a precious revival of religion, by which they have received strength and hope; and Minot is now enjoying a pleasant revival. The Abyssinian church in Portland has experienced a work of God's Spirit, which has considerably increased its strength and numbers. In some churches notice is taken of the growth of grace in Christians, and of the prosperity and good influence of Sabbath Schools, and of the progress of temperance.

In York Conference are 26 churches, with 20 pastors and

stated supplies. Added by profession 116, increase 71. Whole No. 2511. The year has been one of special mercy. The churches have been extensively blessed with dews, though not with the abundant showers, of divine influence; and they have grown in numbers, and, it is hoped, in graces. They have continued to contribute to spread the gospel, though their contributions have been seriously diminished, owing, without donbt, in great part, to the embarrassments of the times. The Tract volume distribution, on the colporteur system, has been carried through part of the county with good success and happy results. The excellence of the work recommends it not only to all the towns of this county, but to all the towns of the State. Some trials have befallen the churches of this conference in their gospel privileges; and a number of changes in the ministry have taken place. Seven ministers have closed their engagements; and five have commenced their services.

The County Conferences in the State are 12; and with the three churches in Aroostook County, they embrace 208 churches with 137 pastors and stated supplies; or, with other regular laborers about 150 preachers of the Gospel. The additions reported by profession are 1059; by letter 282; in all 1341. The removals are, by death 231; by dismission, 331; by exclusion 43; in all, 605. Increase 736. Whole Number 18,540. Baptisms 566. A brief general view only can be given.

One fact to be observed in the reports is, that a more general notice than usual is taken of the growth of grace in Christians, and of the prevalence of harmony in the churches. Another fact very uniformly stated is that Sabbath schools are in a prosperous condition. Another fact is that there has been a great Temperance reform; but that much is still to be done to complete the good work, and to secure its permanence. Another fact to be noticed is the diminution, in nominal amount, of benevolent contributions. The receipts from the State, acknowledged in the Missionary Herald for the year ending June 1842, were $9,377 10; and for the year ending June 1843 they are $4,271 84. Contributions as donations and in pay for Bibles and Testaments from Maine to the Am. Bible Society for the year ending April 30, 1842, were $1,762 19; and for the year ending April 30, 1843, they are $1,564 10. There has been a decline, it is believed, in contributions to other ob-

jects; but two dollars the past year, have been as great a gift, as three or four dollars, in some years past. The principle of giving to benevolent objects is as firm as ever. The pastors and stated supplies last year were 138, and now they are 137.

There have been many changes, dismissions and settlements. The settlements last year were 15; and this year they are 17.

It is manifest that our churches and members are not increasing in proportion to our population; and that there is need of more faith and devotion to Christ, and love to Zion, that our Congregational institutions may grow with the growth of the State.

Believing the word of God, we expect that the ministry of the gospel will be more generally established; the Sabbath day more generally observed; and the saving knowledge of God more universally diffused; and that this blessed change will be brought about in the sovereign counsels and infinite grace of God, by the faith, the prayers, the contributions, and the labors of his people. The revelation of God's law to men, and of his gracious purposes and promises, call us therefore to a more entire consecration of ourselves to God's service.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	Dt'h	Dis.	Ex.		
Bangor First	S. L. Pomroy	24	9	5	14		374	30
Hammond St.	John Maltby	28	12	5	9	3	257	20
North Bradford		9					25	7
Brewer First	Nathan Dole	5	3	1	20		103	7
Brewer East	J. R. Munsell				3		82	2
Burlington							14	
Corinna							12	
Dedham		1					16	2
Dixmont					2		18	
Exeter		2	1				21	2
Garland	*S. S. Drake* S.	2					55	10
Glenburn							9	
Hampden	Benj. Tappan Jr.	8	2	3	2	3	98	7
Levant	Robert Page	1			3	3	60	2
Lincoln							19	
Old Town	Joseph Smith		1	1	3		34	
Orono							57	
Orrington		1		2	3		61	1
10	8	81	28	17	59	9	1315	90

CUMBERLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions. Prof	Additions. letter	Removals. D'th	Removals. Dis.	Removals. Ex.	Tot.	Bap.
Baldwin	Noah Emerson						15	
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams	4		2	4		176	5
Cape Elizabeth	William Pierce	9	1	1			55	10
Cumberland	Joseph Blake	6	1	2	3		156	12
Danville							8	
Durham							54	
Falmouth 1st	Charles Dame	5		2	1	1	145	9
Falmouth 2d	John Gunnison	10	1	1		1	86	11
Freeport	E. G. Parsons	2	2	1	3		220	10
Gorham	Aaron C. Adams	3	9	5	10	2	173	
Gray	N. W. Sheldon	1	3	1			53	
Harpswell							40	
Hebron&WMinot	Nathan Cobb, SS.	12	6	6			45	11
Lewiston Falls	J. Drummond	17	3		2		90	
Minot	Elijah Jones			3	1		254	
New Gloucester	*S. H. Shepley*, S.	4	3	3			189	6
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley	2	2	7	6		292	9
N. Yarmouth 2d	Caleb Hobart			3	1		121	7
Poland	Thomas Williams			3	2	1	64	
Portland 2d	J. B. Condit	9	7	8	17	2	407	10
" 3d	W. T. Dwight	3	3	5	21	1	273	16
" High St.	J. W. Chickering	5	11	2	19	2	339	13
" Abyssinian	A. N. Freeman						57	
" Bethel	G. W. Bourne s.s.	2	8				18	
Pownal	W. V. Jordan s. s.	31		3	2		161	15
Raymond							13	
Scarborough							102	
Standish	Silas Baker s. s.		2	2			65	4
Westbrook 1st							82	
" 2d	J. H. Mordough	42	2	2	2		130	
Windham	Wm. Warren	3		1	6		70	11
31	25	170	64	63	100	10	3953	149

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Amherst&Aurora	M. W. Strickland	3	4	1	2		25	
Belfast 1st	E. G. Cutler	52	6	3			216	28
Bluehill	J. Sewall Jr. s. s.	7	1	1	1	1	172	9
Brooksville	M. Ellis s. s.	14					57	
Bucksport	Wm. J Breed	43	2	1	1		171	26
Camden	Nath'l Chapman	8	2	2	2		132	3
Castine Trin. Ch.	A.B. L. Myers s.s.	9			3		102	
Deer Isle	Jona. Adams s. s.	7		6	1		200	15
Ellsworth	*Sewall Tenney* S.	3		1			110	3
Frankfort		4	2	2	4		62	4
Jackson & Brooks	Luther Wiswall	1		2	2		83	4
Knox & Vicinity				1			26	
Mt. Desert	C. M. Brown s. s.			3			140	
Prospect 1st	Stephen Thurston	12	3	3	1	2	267	29
Prospect 2d	Jas. P. Stone	5	2	2		1	55	
Sedgwick	M. Ellis		1				52	2
Swanville							30	
17	14	168	23	28	17	4	1900	123

YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions. Prof	letter	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Bap.
Acton	Clement Parker						78	
Alfred	A. W. Fiske, s.s.			4	2	1	121	5
Biddeford 1st		8	2	3	2		120	15
" 3d	Thos N. Lord s.s.	8	5		1		95	
Buxton		14		1	2		92	16
Cornish							12	
Elliot	Josiah Clark						132	
Kennebunk	*G. W. Cressey* S	9	2	4	2		81	4
Kennebunkporf1st	S. B. Gilbert s.s.	15	4	2		2	81	
" South	John Baker, s.s.	6	5	1	2		101	
" Union		1			2		6	
Kittery	Reuben Kimball			1			37	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring	3		2			117	
Limerick	Chas Freeman	6		2	8		122	5
Limington		11	1	3	2		90	10
Lyman	D. Kendrick s.s	5		5	5		126	
Newfield	S. M. Stone s.s.	3		2			91	
Parsonsfield	do.			1			46	
Saco	Samuel Hopkins	2	4	4			230	2
Sanford	Wm. Davenport	4	3	1	3		84	2
Shapleigh	Amasa Loring	4	2				16	13
South Berwick	B. R. Allen	4		1			131	3
Wells 1st	Jonas Colburn						266	
do 2d	Charles Walker						91	
York 1st	John L. Ashby	13	2	4			118	
do 2d	Morris Holman ss.						27	
26	20	116	30	41	31	3	2511	78

LINCOLN.

Alna	Sam'l Talbot	34	2	2	8		100	35
Bath 1st	J. W. Ellingwood	42	5	4	2		275	31
Bath 2d	Ray Palmer	43	6		1	1	145	17
Boothbay							221	
Bremen							22	
Bristol	S. L. Gould						100	
Edgecomb	E. Wells	8			3		134	
Lisbon	S. Merrill	1			1		25	
New Castle	E. Seabury	23			2	1	160	22
Phipsburg	A. T. Loring	23	1	2		1	222	17
Thomaston 1st	R. Woodhull	5	3	3	1		132	6
Thomaston 2d	S. C. Fessenden	13		1	1		55	11
Topsham	D. Sewall s.s.			2	1		141	
Union	U. Balkham						50	
Waldoboro'	John Dodge	53	13	2	3		238	
Warren	E. F. Cutter						109	
Washington	J. G. Merrill						58	
Wiscasset	*Wm. L. Mather* S.	24	5	1	5		159	16
Woolwich	J. C. Goss						60	
19	17	269	35	17	28	3	2406	156

KENNEBEC.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Albion	J. E. Wilkins						29	
Augusta North							50	
do South	B. Tappan D.D.	24	3	2	11		197	16
Clinton							20	
Gardiner	Josiah W. Peet						66	
Hallowell	Eli Thurston						220	
Litchfield	Timothy Davis						78	
Pittston	J. T. McCollom						50	
Sidney							15	
Unity	J. E. Wilkins						28	
Vassalborough							47	
Waterville	*C. E Park* S.						72	
Windsor	J. G. Merrill s.s.						33	
Winslow							55	
Winthrop	David Thurston	21	9	1	4		185	
15	9	45	12	3	15		1145	16

FRANKLIN.

Chesterville	J. H. Conant s. s.	3	5	3	3		42	3
Farmington	I. Rogers	16	7	1	3		124	6
Fayette	J. H. Conant						10	
Industry	John Perham	18	5	1			143	26
Kingfield	D. Turner s. s.	3			2		13	
New Portland	J. Perham	2			5		21	6
New Sharon	J. T. Hawes			2		1	100	
New Vineyard	D. Turner						30	
Phillips	B. Follett s. s.	5	1	1	3		59	
Strong	J. Freeman, Jr s.s.	3		2	4	1	107	
Temple	A. Morton	17		1	4		97	2
Weld							62	
Wilton		1		1	1		49	
13	5	68	18	12	25	2	857	43

PISCATAQUIS.

Abbot		3	4				18
Atkinson							10
Blanchard				1	2		63
Brownville	Wm. S. Sewall	8	1		4		60
Dexter				1	1		22
Exeter		2	1				21
Foxcroft & Dover	Wooster Parker	28	3		6		123
Milo		5	2	1	1		25
Monson	*Horatio Ilsley* S.	6			4		77
Sangerville		1					31
Sebec							14
Williamsburg							
12	3	53	11	3	18		464

WASHINGTON.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	D'th	Dis.	Ex.		
Calais	S. H. Keeler						117	
Cherryfield							11	
Cooper							20	
Dennysville							92	
East Machias	T. T. Stone						160	
Eastport		2	3	1			95	
Jonesborough							15	
Lubec							26	
Machias	*Steph D. Ward* S.		2	4	1		159	
Machias-port	Gilman Batcheller	2			1		74	8
Northfield							21	
Pembroke							34	
Perry							144	
Robbinston	David B. Sewall						76	
Whiting		1		1	1		21	
Whitneyville	John A. Perry	1	2	5		1	40	1
16	6	5	9	11	5	1	1105	9

OXFORD.

Andover	A. Hubbard			1	1		40	
Bethel	Chas. Frost			4	2		167	
Dixfield	S. Hackett s.s.			3			30	
Gilead	H. Richardson			1			48	
Norway	Chas. Soule			5		4	112	
Oxford	*Isaac Carlton* S.			1	3		65	
Paris South	J. Walker	25	9	1	1		159	
Rumford	E. S. Hopkins	26	3				96	
Shelburne, N. H.	H. Richardson						8	
Sumner	Sam'l. Sewall	2		4			97	
Turner	Allen Greely						80	
11	10	53	12	20	7	4	902	

SOMERSET.

Anson	Levi Loring s.s.	8	2				20	
Athens	Levi Loring s.s.		2				14	
Bingham	Cyrus Stone	1	4	2	6	2	70	
Bloomfield	G. W. Hathaway						141	
Cornville							13	
Fairfield							23	
Madison	Cyrus Stone s.s						23	
Mercer	Oren Sikes	3	6	1	4		70	
Norridgewock	Josiah Peet	4	10				104	12
Solon	G. W. Fargo s.s						45	2
Solon Village	Cyrus Stone s s.		1				19	
Skowhegan							21	
St. Albans	Nathan Douglass		1			2	52	
13	7	16	26	3	10	4	635	14

UNION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Tot.	Bap.
		Prof	letter	Dt'h	Dis.	Ex.		
Albany	G. F. Tewksbury			1			79	13
Bridgton	C. F. Page	1	3	4	2		115	5
do South	J. P. Fessenden			1	1	3	55	
do North	L. W. Harris	1	7		2		51	
Brownfield	*D. Gerry* S.	1		1	1		44	2
Denmark	D. Gerry s.s.				4		43	3
Fryeburg	C. Hurd	2	2				259	
Harrison	C. Pearl	4	2		3		86	5
Hiram	D. Gerry			1			17	
Lovell	I. Hills	4		3	1		93	4
Otisfield	J. P. Richardson	3		1			203	
Sweden	E. Mason						43	
Waterford	J. A. Douglass	1		1	1		199	12
13	11	17	14	13	15	3	1287	44

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	No. chs.	No. Pas.	Additions. Prof	letter	Removals. D'th	Dis.	Ex.	Total	Bap.
Cumberland	31	25	170	64	63	100	10	3953	149
Franklin	13	5	68	18	12	25	2	857	43
Hancock and Waldo	17	14	168	23	28	17	4	1900	123
Kennebec	15	9	45	12	3	15		1145	16
Lincoln	19	17	269	35	17	28	3	2406	
Oxford	11	10	53	12	20	7	4	902	
Penobscot	19	8	81	28	17	60	9	1315	90
Piscataquis	12	3	51	11	3	18		464	
Somerset	13	7	16	26	3	10	4	635	14
Union	13	11	17	14	13	15	3	1287	44
Washington	16	6	5	9	11	5	1	1105	9
York	26	20	116	30	41	31	3	2511	78
Aroostook	3	2						60	
12	208	137	1059	282	231	331	43	18,540	566

☞ In the preceding tables, the names of scribes of the Conferences are in *Italics* with the letter S appended. There are some difficulties in the reports of the two Conferences of Penobscot and Piscataquis, which have been removed by conjecture in part. The correct boundaries between these Conferences will probably be ascertained by the reporter next year. Williamsburg, Sebec, Garland and Dexter appeared to be reported by each Conference.

The letters S. S. appended to a name, signify *Stated Supply*.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Jacob Abbott, Farmington.
Thomas Adams, Editor of Maine Washingtonian Journal.
Jonathan Belden, Hallowell.
Mighill Blood, Ellsworth.
Alden B. Boynton, Wiscasset.
John Boynton, do.
Caleb Bradley, Westbrook.
Jonathan Calef, Lyman.
James Carruthers, Portland, Missionary,
Asa Cummings, do. Editor of Christian Mirror.
Eliphalet Gillett, D. D., Hallowell, Sec'y of Maine Miss'y Society.
Simeon Hackett, Farmington.
Joseph Hilliard, Berwick.
Thomas Jameson, Gorham.
Enos Merrill, Falmouth.
H. A. Merrill, Limington.
Alpheus S. Packard, Prof., Brunswick.
Freeman Parker, Wiscasset.
Enoch Pond, D. D, Prof. in Theol. Seminary, Bangor.
John Sawyer, Garland.
Jotham Sewall, Chesterville, Missionary.
George Shepard, Prof. Theol Sem. Bangor.
Amasa Smith, Cumberland.
D. Talcot Smith, Prof. Sem. Bangor.
David Starret, Augusta.
Thomas C. Upham, Prof. Bowd Col. Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, Jr. D. D., Pres. Bowd. Coll. Brunswick.
Isaac Weston, Portland.
James Weston, Standish.
Franklin Yeaton.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN BATH,

June 25, 1844.

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine met at the South Meeting House in Bath, June 25, 1844, at 9 o'clock, A. M. There were present the following delegates from County Conferences.

York.	Rev. Jos. Loring, Rev. Charles Freeman, Rev. John L. Ashby, Bro. William Hight, Dea. James Dorrance.
Cumberland.	Rev. J. B. Condit, Rev. S. H. Shepley, Rev. Joseph Blake, Bro. Seth Storer, Dea. Wm. Swan, Bro. Edward Little,
Kennebec.	Rev. E. Thurston, Rev. Timothy Davis, Bro. Austin Willey
Somerset.	Rev. Cyrus Stone, Rev. Geo. M. Hathaway, Bro. M. Bodwell,
Penobscot.	Rev. Nathan Dole, Rev. Benj. Tappan, Jr. Dea. E. F. Duren, Bro. Wm. H. Dow,
Franklin.	Rev. J. Rogers, Rev. J. T. Hawes, Bro. S. Strickland, Bro. Joshua Bullen,
Union.	Rev. Carlton Hurd, Rev. Cyril Pearl,
Oxford.	Rev. Charles Frost, Rev. Isaac Carlton, Bro. Levi Stowell, Bro. J. S. Keith,
Lincoln.	Rev. S. L. Gould, Rev. E. Seabury,
Washington.	Dea. Wm. A. Crocker
Hancock and Waldo.	Rev. Stephen Thurston, Bro. James Boyd,
Piscataquis.	Rev. W. S. Sewall, Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Dea. John How.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS

Rev. Geo. E. Adams, *Moderator;* E. F. Cutter, *Recording Secretary;* Rev. Messrs. Ellingwood, D. Thurston, D. Shepley, R. Palmer, R. Page, R. Woodhull, and S. C. Fessenden.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire, Rev. James R. French.
Gen. Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Charles Packard,
Gen. Association of Connecticut, Rev. R. D. Gardiner.
Gen. Conference of Vermont, Rev. W. A. Chapin.
Gen. Assembly of Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr, M'Cartee,

The meeting was opened by singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer from the Moderator.

Rev. Ray Palmer, at his own request, was discharged from the office of Recording Secretary and Rev. E. F. Cutter was chosen to fill the vacancy.

After the Constitution and Rules had been read, the reports of Delegates to corresponding bodies were presented. The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Chickering, in his absence, was read by Rev. Ray Palmer, and accepted.

The subject of opening a correspondence with the General Association of New York, was introduced, and referred to the committee appointed to consider a similar question, in respect to the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of Michigan and Wisconsin.

A letter prepared by the Corresponding Secretary, to be forwarded to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, was read by Rev. Mr. Palmer, and accepted. A letter from the Synod of Nova Scotia, was read by the Rev. Mr. Palmer.

An ordained minister was invited to sit with the Conference, and participate in its deliberations.

At 11 o'clock. After prayer by Rev. Charles Packard, a sermon was preached by Rev. David Greene, Secretary of American Board, from 2 Cor. 4: 6—13, on the nature and importance of a deep Christian experience.

The vote of Conference was read. Rev. Messrs. S. H. Shepley, J. Rogers, and G. W. Hathaway were appointed Committee of Nominations.

P. M. Conference resumed its business. The session was opened by singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer from Rev. J. C. Lovejoy of Mass.

The afternoon was occupied by addresses from
Rev. T. M. Smith, Agent of the Am. S. S. Union, *on Sabbath Schools.*
Rev. E. F. Cutter, *on Seamen.*
Rev. Mr. Emerson, of Mass. *on the Sabbath.*
Rev. Mr. Packard, of Mass. *on Slavery.*

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. G. Carpenter, after which addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Lane Agent of the American Bible Society, on the Bible. By Rev. Mr. Blake, "On the Duty of Praying for, and expecting a blessing on the stated means of grace." And by Rev. Mr. Sawtell, Agent of the Foreign Evangelical Societiy, on the importance of personal consecration to the cause of Christ, among all Christians.

The exercises were closed by singing. Adjourned.

Tuesday Evening.—The Maine Congregational Charitable Society, *held its* annual meeting. Sermon, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, from

Phil. 1: 18, and 1 Thes. 5: 12, 13. Collection $53,35. The officers of the last year were re-elected. Preachers for next anniversary, Rev. Dr. Pond, first, Rev. E. Thurston, second.

Wednesday Morning, June 26.—A prayer meeting was attended at 5½ o'clock.

At 8 o'clock, Conference met for business.

The session was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, by Rev. S. H. Shepley

By permission, Rev Mr. Dennison of Boston made some statements in respect to the Sheet Anchor, a semi-monthly publication devoted to the interests of seamen. Rev. D. Shepley presented the objects and operations of the Mass. Sabbath School Society.

Rev. Mr. Page, from the committee to whom were referred the Communications from Congregational and Presbyterian bodies, in New York, Michigan and Wisconsin, reported in favor of opening a correspondence with these bodies, which report was accepted.

At 9 o'clock Conference adjourned to give room for the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society.

Maine Miss. Soc.—The exercises were introduced with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer by the President.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

The Report of the Trustees was read by Rev. Dr. Gillett. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Carpenter, G. E. Adams, Cutter, Gallaway, from St. Johns, N. B., Pomeroy, Lovejoy from Mass., and David Thurston.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Condit.

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Preachers for next Anniversary. Rev. David Shepley, first—Rev. Charles Frost, second.

After the exercises of the Missy. Socy. the Conf. resumed its business. Prayer was offered by Rev. David Thurston. A letter from the Gen. Assoc. of New York was read by the Moderator.

Reports on the state of religion in Vermont, New Hampshire and Mass. were made by Rev. Messrs. Chapin, French and Packard.

In absence of the Cor. Secretary, Rev. Chas. Freeman was appointed to present the report on the state of religion within the bounds of this Conference. Adjourned.

Wed. Evening. Education Society. The meeting was opened with prayer from Rev. Dr. Pond. The Report of the Directors was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan. Addresses were made by Rev. Prof. Shepard, Rev. Mr. Emerson, Agt. of Am. Ed. Socy., Rev. Mr. Greene, Sec'y of Am. Board, Rev. Dr. Pond, and Rev. Mr. Pomeroy, of Bangor.

The officers of last year were elected.

Thurs. Morn. The session of Conference was opened with reading Scriptures and prayer by Rev. E. Seabury.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to inquire whether any thing can be done to make our churches more fully acquainted with the fundamental principles of Congregationalism, and the importance of maintaining these principles; also to confer with committees of brethren in other states on this subject

Rev. Dr. Pond, J. W. Ellingwood and C. Freeman were appointed as this committee.

Voted, That a committee on Psalmody be appointed to confer with committees of other Ecclesiastical bodies in New England, on the

subject of making a collection of Psalms and Hymns for general use in our churches.

Rev. Ray Palmer, A. Cummings, and S. L. Pomeroy, compose this committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

The report of the Committee of Nominations was read and accepted, as follows:

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To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, New School.

Delegate.

Rev. E. Pond, D. D.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Old School.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. Stephen Thurston,	Rev. E. G. Parsons.
Dea. Bliss Blodget,	Br. Joseph Adams.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,	Rev. Isaac Rogers.
" Wm. J. Breed,	" Wm. Warren.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. Uriah Balkam,	Rev. J. P. Richardson.
" J. T. Hawes,	" B. R. Allen.

To the General Association of Concord, N. H.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. J. Peet,	Rev. Chas. Frost,
" A. C. Adams,	" Nathan Dole,

To the General Conference of Vermont.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. Wm. T. Dwight,	Rev. James Drummond,
" W. J. Peet,	" John Perham.

To the General Conference of Rhode Island.

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. A. T. Loring,	Rev. Samuel Talbot,
Rev. G. W. Hathaway,	" Cyrus Stone.

To the General Association Cong. Ministers and Churches of Michigan.

Delegate.	*Substitute.*
Rev. J. B. Condit,	Rev. David Thurston.

To the General Conference of Wisconsin—2d Thursday in October.

Delegate.	*Substitute.*
Rev. S. L. Pomroy,	Rev. Eli Thurston.

To the General Association of New York—Thursday succeding last sabbath in August, in Clinton, Oneida Co.

Delegate.	*Substitute.*
Rev. G. E. Adams,	Rev. S. C. Fessenden.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

York Co.	Rev. Samuel Hopkins,
Cumberland,	Rev. Asa Cummings.
Hancock and Waldo,	Br. Solyman Heath,
Lincoln,	Br. G. F. Potter,
Oxford,	Rev. Isaac Carlton,

UNION,	Rev. J. A. Douglas,
KENNEBEC,	Br. Jonathan Marden,
FRANKLIN,	Br. R. Goodenow,
PENOBSCOT,	Rev. B. Tappan, jr.,
PISCATAQUIS,	Rev. Horatio Ilsley,
WASHINGTON,	Br. George Downes.

Committee to certify to the standing of Ministers travelling out of the State.

Rev. A Cummings,	Rev. Wm. T. Dwight,
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Place of next meeting—FRYEBURG.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. C. Hurd, Rev. A. Cummings,
Br. Ruel Barrows.

FIRST PREACHER,	Rev. Ray Palmer,
SECOND PREACHER,	Rev. Nath'l Chapman.

After uniting in prayer with Rev. Mr. Drummond, the Conference listened to the reports of Rev. Mr. Gardiner, delegate from Connecticut, and statements from Rev. Mr. Gallaway, from St. Johns, N. B., in respect to the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

BANGOR SEMINARY.

The Report of the Committee appointed to visit the Bangor Seminary was read by Rev. Mr. Woodhull, and after remarks by Rev. Mr. Condit, accepted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Conference to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

The Committee, by a part of their number, attended the annual examination of the several classes in the Seminary, and were present at the Anniversary Exercises, and at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees; and every facility was cheerfully furnished to them, both on the part of the Trustees and on that of the Faculty, for obtaining a full and correct view of all which it may concern the churches and the public to know, relating to that Institution.

The examination clearly showed that there had been able and faithful teaching on the part of the Professors, and patient and diligent research on the part of the Students. The course of study prescribed appeared to have been *thoroughly* pursued, so that not only had solid and extensive attainments been made in those branches of knowledge which pertain to the office of the Christian Ministry, but the faculties of the mind itself appeared to have acquired a degree of strength, and clearness, and symmetry, that indicated the most judicious training, as to the past, and promised great usefulness as to the future.

It was also peculiarly gratifying to notice that the members of the Seminary appeared to have kept in mind that the *religion of the heart* holds the first and highest place in that system of intellectual and moral cultivation, which is designed to fit men for the sacred office.

The Public Exercises of the Anniversary were spoken of at the time, in several of the public journals, as being of a high order, reflecting much honor on the Institution; and in this sentiment your Committee fully concur. Delicacy forbids us to say all that might with truth be said, concerning the several performances of that occasion, with reference to the depth

of thought, the purity of style, and the propriety of elocution, and the christian piety, which characterised all. But we are happy to add our testimony to that which has often before been given, that the Anniversary Exercises, of the Bangor Seminary, furnish a peculiarly rich entertainment to the mind of the scholar and the christian, while, at the same time, they exhibit a pleasing proof that the sons of the church, who are there trained for the service of Christ, will be good men, sound in the faith, and able rightly to divide the word of truth.

The last graduating class consisted of twelve young men, of whom we learn that one is prostrated by disease, one has been engaged in the further prosecution of theological study, one has gone a missionary to the far West, one has been settled in Massachusetts, and eight have been constantly employed in the labors of the ministry in this State. One of these has become a Pastor, and several of the others will probably soon be settled in their present fields of labor.

The whole number of graduates from this Seminary, is 162; and probably as many more have pursued preparatory studies at this Institution who afterwards completed their course of studies elsewhere. The number of graduates for the last seven years, is 84, making the average of 12 annually. More than fifty of these are now preaching the gospel in Maine. Between 80 and 90 of the present ministers of Maine, are graduates from this Seminary, which is considerably more than half the number of congregational ministers in the State. And when we call to mind what the Lord has been pleased to accomplish for Zion, through the instrumentality of these men, in years gone by, and what he is still doing in blessing their efforts, we cannot fail to perceive that the seal of His blessing rests on the Seminary, and that the efforts of its friends for promoting its permanency and prosperity have been well pleasing in His sight.

The present number of students is 46, of whom 35 have had a collegiate education. They are from 8 different colleges, and from 9 different States and Territories, including two from Lower Canada.

The present junior class consists of 17, a larger number than has entered for several years.

The Library, at present, consists of between seven and eight thousand volumes, which have been selected with much care, and we believe it is allowed to be one of the best Theological Libraries in this country. Several important additions have been made to it during the year, and it has the prospect of being further enlarged For this purpose, societies of ladies have been formed in different places, who are appropriating the avails of their industry to this specific object: and it is to be hoped that their example will be imitated by others. It surely is a most worthy and important object to secure a constant accession of good books to this Library, for the use of those who are to be the future pastors and ministers of Maine, from which they may draw instructions and spiritual benefit, so long as the books shall last. For by thus furnishing means for the instruction of candidates for the ministry, the church is securing for herself that nourishment which will render her the more vigorous for the service of her Lord, and the more comely in his sight.

It is not unknown to the churches that attempts have been made, in the course of the year, to remove two of the Professors of our Seminary to other Institutions. And it cannot but have been gratifying to all to learn that those attempts have been unsuccessful. These movements have shown that the men whom the Trustees have so judiciously placed in their chairs of instruction, are greatly valued abroad as well as among the churches of Maine; and the result of these movements has also shown that our Professors love our own Seminary, and cannot from mere pecuniary considerations be induced to leave their places,—and that they cherish a firm confidence in the ability and willingness of the good people of Maine to furnish the requisite funds, both for the support of the Professors, and for the other expenses of the Institution. The thought cannot be admitted that this confidence has not been well placed.

The attention of the Conference is now requested to a statement of the condition of the Seminary in regard to the financial concerns, on data furnished by the Treasurer.

The site of the Seminary, together with the Buildings, Library, and furniture, would probably be valued at about $60,000. This, however, yields no income; nor can the buildings and land ever be alienated.

The other property of the Institution, consisting of stocks or wild land, may be considered as sufficient so liquidate the present debts of the Seminary, which amounts to about $10,000. The value of this property is, however, mostly nominal. Much of it, if a sale were forced, would probably bring but a small price; but if it be retained till there shall be a demand for it, it will doubtless command a much larger sum.

It is evident, therefore, that the Seminary is greatly in need of funds to defray its current expenses year by year. Other provisions have been already made, sufficient to ensure the most happy results to the cause of Christ through the influence of this Seminary. But this one most important provision needs yet to be made. In this respect our Seminary is not unlike a good ship that has been sent abroad to do business for her owners, and which is destitute of provisions. A fine vessel she is, strongly built, of beautiful proportions, well rigged, having experienced and skillful officers, her men under the best of discipline, vigorous and strong for service, every one disposed to do his best for the interest of the proprietors, a ship that commands the best of freights, bringing a rich income to the owners, but at present is in need of supplies. Let her owners just provide for this object, and then all is ready. It appears, then, that the Seminary stands, in this respect, much as it did a year ago. In the good providence of God, and by the liberality of friends, especially of a number in the valley of the Kennebec, who have subscribed the salary of one of the Professors, the Seminary has been sustained another year; but it is in want of means to meet future expenses. It must be manifest to every friend of the Institution that the several Professorships ought, if possible, to be permanently endowed without further delay. For this purpose the sum of $50,000 is needed. If this amount shall be secured, the Institution may be considered as placed upon a permanent basis, and will no longer require the annual contributions of friends to defray its current expenses. Hopes have been entertained that one of the Professorships will be endowed by friends of the Seminary who reside on the Kennebec. If this is done, it is believed that a second would be made up in the Penobscot Valley; and a third by friends in other parts of the State and out of the State. It is greatly to be desired that this endowment be speedily and fully made. The object is especially commended to the prayerful consideration of those who are in circumstances of comparative affluence. We all are aware that the friends of Christ are in general possessed of but a moderate portion of this world's goods. Some, in this respect, are poor, tho' rich in faith. But there are those who have the means of doing much for the promotion of our Redeemer's kingdom by the appropriation of property, as well as their prayers and personal efforts. To such would we earnestly commend the interests of our growing Seminary. And we would ask them, if it should not be accounted a precious privilege to bestow a portion of their wealth for such a purpose? to bestow it where it will remain and be doing good in the cause of Christ here on earth, after they themselves are dead; or rather, after they shall have entered on the fruition of eternal life above? In this manner they may, in an important sense, continue to publish salvation to men for generations yet to come, even down to the end of time. In this manner they may secure for themselves also additional degrees of joy in the heavenly world; when looking down from their celestial abodes, they shall see the happy results of their beneficence in the conversion of sinners, in the edification and comfort of saints, and in the growth of the church; or when they shall behold a constant accession to their blessed company, of

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In a survey of the churches comprising the *Hancock and Waldo Conference*, it appears that 63 have been added by profession, 18 by letter, making an increase in the whole of 81. There have been removed from these churches 23 by death, 25 by dismission, and 6 by excommunication, making in all 54 removals. This number deducted from the 81 which have been added, leaves a nett gain of 27.—Whole number about 1900.

On reviewing the year just closed, the members of this Conference have mingled emotions of joy and grief. "There are things connected with this portion of Zion that justly call for devout gratitude to the Author of all mercies. It is an occasion of thankfulness that so few of our members have been removed by death. The peace, harmony, fellowship and strong attachment among the churches and Ministers, are causes of devout gratification. That so few of our members have been carried away with diverse and strange doctrine, is an occasion of gratitude. The accounts from the churches also state the encouraging fact, that there is a good attendance on public worship, for which devout thanks should ascend to him who has the hearts of all in his hand. There is in the churches comprising this conference, a laudable disposition to sustain the benevolent objects of the day; which is surely encouraging, both for the present and future prosperity of Zion. Nor has God forgotten to be gracious; but in the midst of deserved wrath he has remembered mercy, and converted some souls in different sections of our limits, for which we would never cease to praise his Holy Name. In some of the churches there seems also to be a healthy and stable state of piety, with many individuals. Many who have been removed by death have been remarkably supported by the grace of God; and left a most cheering testimony to the preciousness of Christ. At times during the year past, members in our churches have been quickened, and have had strong desires for the descent of the Holy Spirit. But whilst we are allowed to offer tribute of praise to the Most High for all these encouraging circumstances, we can but be filled with grief at the comparative low state of our churches."

Penobscot Conference embraces nineteen churches, with nine pastors and stated supplies. Twenty-two have been added by profession, forty-one by letter: making the whole number one thousand two hundred and ninety-five; only *six* more than last year.

No revival is reported except at East Brewer, where one *has recently* commenced. Their Report says, "but we would

"not despise the day of small things," we mourn that so few souls have been converted within our limits during the past year. We mourn, also, that so small a proportion of our population is gathered into Congregational houses of worship.

The reports of our churches give less than three thousand as the aggregate number of all our congregation. The whole population of Penobscot County, according to the last census, is forty-five thousand seven hundred and five. Great numbers, doubtless, frequent not any place of worship."

Piscataquis Conference embraces thirteen churches, four settled ministers, one stated supply. At the last annual conference reports were received from ten churches, to which have been added the past year, by profession six, by letter eleven. Seven have died, five dismissed to other churches, and three excommunicated: nett gain two. Whole number reported, four hundred and forty-five, to which add the number in those churches not reported, seventy three, and the whole number in the conference is five hundred and eighteen.

Contributions to the various benevolent societies the past year, 175 52. Only one of the churches is able to sustain the gospel, and a large proportion of the members of that church are obliged to pay two per cent on their taxa ble property for that purpose. Ten are assisted by the Maine Missionary Society.

No church reports a revival of religion.

Sabbath schools are sustained in all the churches.

Monthly Concert generally observed.—The cause of temperance progressing.

Connected with the *Lincoln Conference* are 19 churches, with 14 pastors or stated supplies. Reports have been received from only five of these churches. To these seven have been added by profession, and nine by letter; and twenty-five have been removed. The whole number, by the last information, is 2,428. Four pastors have been dismissed, and one has been ordained. Two new churches have been organized within the limits of the conference: one in Jefferson, and the other in New Castle, on the Damariscotta side of the town.

"A little more than a year since, says the Report, several of the churches were visited with the special influences of the Holy Spirit, and large additions were made to their numbers. Now the ways of Zion mourn. The fact that no revival of religion is this year reported, should humble us before God.

Still we have reason to believe that God has not forsaken his heritage. General harmony pervades the churches. They remain steadfast in the faith. The Sanctuary is well attended; the ordinary means of grace are appreciated, and liberal contributions are made to sustain the benevolent operations of the day."

Somerset Conference. Of the thirteen churches belonging to this conference, only four have pastors, and only two receive the labors of a pastor the whole time. Three churches have no stated supply. With respect to the state and progress of religion, and the prospects of the churches in this body, nothing of very special interest can be stated as having occurred within the conference year. Thirteen have been added to the church in South Anson, as the fruit of a precious revival. Here and there a solitary conversion has occurred in other churches, and in some of them there has been an increased attendance upon public worship and the means of grace; but no season of special revival or extensive religious interest has occurred in connection with any of the churches during the year. Still it may be stated that the members generally are holding on in their religious course, exhibiting some good degree of steadfastness in the faith and practice of the gospel, and of interest in the institutions and ordinances of religion, the cause of Sabbath Schools and in benevolent objects generally; though owing to pecuniary embarrassments, not so much is raised for carrying forward these objects now as has been in some preceding years. "These circumstances, say the Report, "together with the fact that our churches are feeble, and their number diminishing yearly by death and otherwise, and will continue to do so unless visited with revivals, does not give a very fair prospect that they will soon be furnished with the stated ministrations of the gospel.

There have been added to the thirteen churches belonging to the *Franklin Conference*, during the past year, thirty seven; twenty eight by profession and nine by letter; sixty have been removed; fifteen by death and forty five by dismission. The present number is eight hundred and thirty two. This number is smaller by twenty five than reported one year ago. There would have been however, a nett gain of five, but for the fact that thirty two individuals, residing at Lexington and Flag-Staff, on the Dead River, who constituted a branch of the church in Industry, have been dismissed, and organized into a separate church, which has *not* yet united with the Conference.

One year ago this Conference was permitted to report "revivals of the work of God of greater extent and power than had been witnessed for many preceding years;" and it was said, "the prospect brightens that the work will continue and increase in time to come." But alas, how short sighted is man! A melancholy reverse is now witnessed. In all the churches connected with this Conference, the state of religion is low; in most of them very low. They have departed from God, and he has departed from them.

Still there are some things encouraging. Two Pastors have been settled within the year; Rev. J. Freeman, Jr. at Strong, and Rev. A. Morton at Temple.

The church in New Sharon have erected a neat and commodious house of worship, upon the ashes of their former house, which will be dedicated in a few days. And their prayer is that the "glory of this latter house may be greater than that of the former."

Within the bounds of this Conference, as well as in other parts of the land, the progress of the cause of Temperance has outstripped alike the hopes of its friends and the fears of its enemies. Sabbath Schools are in a prosperous condition.

The Monthly Concert of prayer for the cause of mission and the spread of the gospel, is observed to some extent; and something is done in a pecuniary point of view, for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom through the land and the world.

In the meetings of this Conference, great harmony of views and feelings uniformly prevails; and christians who attend these meetings, always find it "good to be there."—Questions of "exciting" interest are discussed with "brotherly love." Its last meeting, which has just been held, was considered one of its best. The subject of *Slavery* received, as usual, its full share of attention.

The last report from the *Kennebec Conference* is for the year ending with their meeting, Oct, 10, 1843. Then it was stated that in the spring of 1843 the influences of the Holy Spirit were poured out, and several conversions occurred in Albion, Litchfield, Sebasticook, Sidney, Unity, Vassalboro' and Waterville. In Augusta North by the labors of Rev. Dana Clayes, for two months in the summer of 1843, the church was brought into a more desirable state of union, so that the Lord's Supper, omitted for many years, has been celebrated, and a hope was entertained that the pulpit would be regularly supplied. In Gardiner the hope is firmly entertained that it is destined, ere long, to be

enlarged and strengthened. To the church in Winslow thirty one were added during the year, including sixteen heads of families. It was apparent about the beginning of the year, [1843,] that the Divine Spirit was operating on the minds of many of the people. Conversions began to occur, some of a character rather more than usually interesting. The revival continued for several months, but its progress was at no time rapid; nor were any extraordinary means employed.

The report thus closes: "Seven of the churches have pastors, two have stated supplies, and six are destitute; of these six, some will have preaching for a considerable portion of the time during next year, and none will be entirely destitute. Three of these churches, whose case had been regarded as very discouraging have been unusually prosperous within a few months, and the religious prospects of the County must be considered as, on the whole, more favorable."

The *Oxford Conference* embraces twelve churches, including one of only eight members in the State of New Hampshire. Pastors nine. Number of members about eight hundred and seventy.

The state of religion is low; and yet there are causes for gratitude. The stability of the churches, permanency and union in the pastoral relation, and outward prosperity as denoted by a general attendance on the means of grace, all foster the hope that God will put honor upon his own truth and enlarge the churches with living members. "Still," says the report of this conference, "there has been no general revival in any of our churches the past year. This fact calls for serious, prayerful consideration and self examination."

From the *Union Conference* we have as follows:

During the year that has now closed, there has been little special religious interest within the bounds of this conference. The renewing influences of the spirit have been withheld. God has been trying his people, whether they would follow him although surrounded with darkness.—But although we are not permitted to speak as in former years, of numbers turned to the Lord; we are permitted to rejoice that a good degree of general interest prevails. There is more union of feeling among the brethren than has some times existed. They are laboring to strengthen the things that remain; to sustain the worship of the sanctuary and the Sabbath School, and in various ways to advance the cause of God, and to ameliorate the condition of man.—May the Lord increase us an hundred fold in every chris-

tian grace, and prepare us for every good word and work.

Cumberland Conference contains thirty three churches, of which two were added to it during the last year; one in Auburn, numbering eighty seven members, the other at Mechanic Falls, in Poland, with twenty members. Whole number of pastors, twenty three. Most of the other churches have stated supplies. Whole number of members three thousand nine hundred and fifty, varying very little from the number reported last year. One pastor has been dismissed and one settled; the latter, Rev. Elijah Kellogg, at Harpswell, where a new and beautiful house of worship speaks well for the church and its prospects.

The most extensive religious interest within the bounds of this conference has been in the Abyssinian church in Portland, to which twelve have been added and where more than twenty hopeful conversions are reported. The general history of the year is thus given in the annual report.

"The past has been a peculiar year in the history of the churches of this conference. It has been a year of peace and harmony and of external prosperity. Most of the churches have statedly enjoyed the ministrations of the ord. Sabbath Schools have flourished. The different objects of christian benevolence have not been forgotten.

But it has also been a year marked by the absence of the Holy Spirit. He has not been present to give efficacy to the means of grace. No extensive revival is reported throughout the Conference; few during the year have been heard inquiring the way to Zion."

From *York Conference* we have as follows: "None of our churches, so far as we are informed, have to any great extent been visited by the special influences of the Holy Ghost. Instead of being permitted to rejoice in a rich harvest of souls gathered into the spiritual garner, we are left to mourn that so few have been brought from the world into the fold of Christ. But we are not left to despond.—Cheering evidences are afforded us that the churches are advancing in knowledge and holiness, and are thus being strengthened and built up, preparing for the work of the Lord. The institutions of the gospel have been vigorously sustained; the worship of God in his house has been well attended; an increased attention has been paid to the study of the scriptures, and to the religious instruction of the children and youth; the benevolent objects of the day have received their customary attention; an increased interest is manifested in behalf of the impenitent and renewed efforts

have been made to point them to the Cross. We trust there is a deep sense of their dependence upon the Holy Ghost pervading the churches, and a disposition to wait upon God in the way of his appointment, beseeching him to appear and build up Zion."

Whole number of churches twenty six, twenty two of which have Pastors or stated supplies. Three Pastors dismissed and one settled during the year: Whole number of members in the twenty six churches, two thousand four hundred and eighty seven, being a decrease of nine.

The whole number of Pastors and stated supplies in all the Conferences is one hundred and forty; last year one hundred and thirty seven; dismissions four; settlements nine. No Pastor connected with this body has died during the year. Two ministers, without charge, Rev. Joseph Hilliard and Rev. Jonathan Belden, have departed, both in a good old age. Three new churches have been formed.—Whole number of communicants eighteen thousand four hundred and forty seven; less by ninety three than the whole number reported last year.

In this view of our religious state and history during another year, there is, indeed, much to try our faith. But will not our faith *bear* the trial? Is not God still on the throne? Is not the church dear to the heart and safe in the hands of her Redeemer? Though Israel be not gathered, yet He will be glorious. It has indeed seemed in many, in *most* of our churches the past year, as if that gathering process, in which both the churches and the ministry find at once their severest toil and their sweetest pleasure, was well nigh suspended.

Yet may we not hope that the all seeing eye, not limited in vision like our own, sees some souls gathered into the kingdom of Christ, silently and "without observation," and many other souls ripened for Heaven, greatly rejoicing and profiting under those means of grace which we in our haste and unbelief might be ready to regard as barren.

Be it far from us however, to be satisfied with the past standard of christian feeling, activity and success.

Let us forget the things that are behind, and strive, and pray, and hope for other attainments and results. May those of us who shall live to hear the record of another year, and to enjoy the services of another annual meeting, as they look back to our present discouraging condition, exclaim "what hath God wrought."

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CUMBERLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Auburn	S. Merrill, ss.						87	
Baldwin	Noah Emerson						15	
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams	2	3	2	1	1	177	
Cape Elizabeth	Wm. Pierce	3	1	2			57	
Cumberland	Joseph Blake		6	2	7		152	20
Danville							8	
Durham		8	2	3			61	
Falmouth 1st	Charles Dame	1	4	3	4	1	138	5
Falmouth 2d	John Gunnison		1	1			81	
Freeport	E. G. Parsons	1	2	6	3		214	5
Gorham	Aaron C. Adams	10	9	6	14	2	178	13
Gray							53	
Harpswell	Elijah Kellogg						40	
Hebron&W Minot	Nathan Cobb, s. s.	2	1	1	1		46	4
Lewiston Falls	J. Drummond	3	2	3	4		87	
Mechanic Falls	Nathan Cobb	1	2				20	2
Minot	Elijah Jones	9		8	*6	2	163	
New Gloucester	S. H. Shepley	1		2	5		180	10
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley	2	4	8	6	1	283	
N. Yarmouth 2d	Caleb Hobart			2			119	3
Poland	Thomas Williams		1		2	1	65	
Portland 2d Par.	J. B. Condit	8	3	11	21	1	385	4
" 3d "	W. T. Dwight	4	2	5		1	273	15
" High st.	J. W. Chickering	1	16	1	14		341	
" Abyssinian	A. N. Freeman	12					85	
" Bethel	G. W. Bourne, ss.	4	3				26	
Pownal	W. V. Jordan	17	3	3			171	15
Raymond			3				16	
Scarborough				1	1		100	
Standish	Isaac Weston, s. s.		2	2	4		58	
Westbrook 1st				2	5		77	
Westbrook 2d	J. H. Mordough			5	1	1	126	
Windham	William Warren	6		6	2		68	
THIRTY-THREE.	TWENTY-SEVEN.	95	70	85	101	11	3950	96

* 86 set off to Auburn.

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	ADDITIONS.		REMOVALS.		TOTAL
		Prof.	Lett'r.	Death.	Dism.	
Chesterville, -	J. H. Conant,	5	2			49
Farmington, -	I. Rogers,	7	3	2	5	127
Fayette, - -		1				11
Industry, - -	—— Smith, ss.			4	32	112
Kingfield, - -		2	1			11
N. Portland, -						21
N. Sharon, -	J. T. Hawes,			3	2	95
N. Vineyard, -	D. Turner,			1		29
Phillips, - -	B. Follet, ss.			1	1	59
Strong, - -	J. Freeman,	5	1			113
Temple, - -	A. Morton,		1	2	3	93
Weld, - -	—— Gould, ss.			2		56
Wilton, - -		8	1		2	56
THIRTEEN.	SIX.	28	9	15	45	832

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapt.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Aurora & Amherst	M. W. Strickland,	—	—	—	—	—	31	2
Belfast, 1st -	E. G. Cutler,	6	5	2	2	1	228	11
Blue Hill, -	J. Sewall, jr.	7	2	3	4	2	172	9
Brooksville, -	M. Ellis, ss.,	—	—	—	—	—	50	—
Bucksport, -	W. J. Breed,	14	1	2	5	—	162	—
Camden, -	Nath'l Chapman,	1	1	2	—	—	126	4
Castine Trin. chh.	A. B. S. Myers, ss.	6	2	3	4	—	105	26
Deer Isle, -	J. Adams, ss.	10	—	4	—	—	206	20
Ellsworth, -	Sewall Tenny,	8	1	—	2	—	117	16
Frankfort, -	S. H. Hayes, ss.	7	1	1	2	—	65	16
Jackson & Brooks	Luther Wiswall,	4	4	1	2	1	87	—
Knox & Vicinity,		—	—	—	—	—	26	—
1st Prospect, -	S. Thurston,	—	—	5	4	2	256	9
2d Prospect, -	S. Bowker, ss.	—	—	—	—	—	52	—
Sedgwick, -	M. Ellis,	—	—	—	—	—	58	
Mt. Desert, -		—	—	—	—	—	149	
Swanville, -		—	—	—	—	—	31	2
SEVENTEEN.	THIRTEEN.	63	18	23	25	6	1896	113

KENNEBEC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapt.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Albion, -	G. W. Brown, ss,	2	1				32	
Augusta North,							44	
" South,	B. Tappan, D. D,	6	10	3	2	1	205	
Gardiner, -	Josiah W. Peet,	10					71	
Hallowell, -	Eli Thurston,	3					225	
Litchfield, -	Timothy Davis,	5	2				77	
Pittston, - -		1		1			50	
Sebasticook, -							18	
Sidney, - -		3	2				15	
Unity, - -	J. E. Wilkins,	4					21	
Vassalborough,		2					38	
Waterville,		15					81	
Windsor, - -	J. G. Merrill, s. s,						35	
Winslow, -	John Perham, s. s,	31					85	
Winthrop, -	David Thurston,		1	4	4	2	177	7
FIFTEEN.	NINE.	82	16	8	6	3	1174	7

LINCOLN.

Alna, - -	Samuel Talbott						102	
Bath, Winter st.	J. O. Fiske,	6	1	8	2		268	13
Bath 3d, - -	Ray Palmer,						145	
Boothbay, -							221	
Bremen, - -							22	
Bristol, - -	S. L. Gould,						105	
Edgecomb, -	E. Wells,						134	
Lisbon, - -	S. Merrill,						25	
New Castle, -							160	
Phipsburg, -	A. T. Loring,						223	
Thomaston 1st.	R. Woodhull,						132	
Thomaston 2d.	S. C. Fessenden,		4	1	1		57	
Topsham, - -	Dan'l Sewall, ss				6	3	131	
Union, - -	U. Balkam,						63	
Waldoborough,	J. Dodge,						238	
Warren, - -	E. F. Cutter,	1		2	2		125	2
Washington, -	J. G. Merrill,						58	
Wiscasset, -							159	
Woolwich, -							60	
NINETEEN.	FOURTEEN.	7	5	11	11	3	2428	15

OXFORD.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptism.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex.		
Andover	A. Hubbard, ss.				1		39	
Bethel	Charles Frost	6		1	1		171	
Dixfield		4	1				33	
Gilead	H. Richardson			2			46	
Norway	Chas. Soule			1	3		108	
Oxford	Isaac Carlton,			1			63	
Paris	J. Walker		6	5	1		159	
Rumford	E. S. Hopkins	1	3	2	1		87	
Shelburne, N. H.	H. Richardson						8	
Sumner	Sam'l Sewall	3	1	5	1		95	
Turner	A. Greely		5	3	1		70	
ELEVEN.	NINE.	14	16	20	9		879	

PENOBSCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	A'dit'ns		Removals.			Present Number.	Male Members.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex.			
Bangor First	S. L. Pomroy	5	11	3	13	4	370	126	28
" Hammond st.	J. Maltby	9	14	4	6	1	266	95	37
" North					5		20	6	1
Bradford	Henry White		6				15	5	4
Brewer First	Nathan Dole		2	1			104	23	2
" East	Joseph R. Munsell	1		1	1		81	31	1
" Third		2		1			22	9	3
Burlington							23	8	
Corinna							12		
Dedham							16	9	3
Dixmont		1			1		20		
Glenburn							10		
Hampden	B. Tappan, Jr.,	1	1	2	2		99	33	12
Levant	R. Page	1	1		2		55	18	2
Lincoln					4		14	3	
Old Town							25	res.3	
Orono	A. J. Copeland				3		53	15	7
Orrington		1	3				67	28	
Patten	James Gooch ss.	1	3	2	1		23	9	5
NINETEEN.	NINE.	22	41	14	38	5	1295	426	105

PISCATAQUIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapt.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'th.	Dis.	Ex.		
Abbot, - -			1				19	
Atkinson, - -							10	
Blanchard, -							63	
Brownville, -	Wm. S. Sewall,	1	2	2	1		60	3
Dexter, - - }	E. G. Carpenter,	1	3				26	2
Exeter, - - }	ss.					1	21	
Foxcroft & Dover,	Wooster Parker,		3	3		1	122	
Garland, - -	S. S. Drake,						50	1
Milo, - -		1	1	1	1		25	1
Monson, - -	Horatio Ilsley,	3		1			79	4
Sangerville, -			1		3	1	29	
Sebec, - -							14	
Williamsburg, -								
THIRTEEN.	FIVE.	6	11	7	5	3	518	11

SOMERSET.

Anson, { Village / South.	Levi Loring, ss. / Jon. Perkam, ss.	13					33	
Bingham,	Cyrus Stone,						70	3
Athens,	Levi Loring, ss.						14	1
Bloomfield,	G. W. Hathaway,			1			107	4
Cornville,							7	
Fairfield,							16	
Madison,	John Perham, ss.						23	
Mercer,							70	
Norridgewock,	Josiah Peet,			2	1		102	6
Skowhegan,							17	
Solon South,							47	
Solon Village,	Cyrus Stone, ss.						18	3
St. Albans,	Nathan Douglas,						52	1
THIRTEEN.	TEN.	13		3	1		576	18

UNION.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapt.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex.		
Albany,	G. T. Tewksbury,		2	2			81	
Bridgton	Caleb F. Page.		8	1	2		116	
Bridgton, South	J. P. Fessenden,	1		1	1		52	
Bridgton, North	L. W. Harris,						51	
Brownfield,	David Gerry,	1					40	
Denmark,			1	1		2	44	
Fryeburg,	Carlton Hurd,		2	3	3		225	
Harrison,	Cyril Pearl,	7	2	1	4		90	
Hiram,							17	
Lovell,	Israel Hills,			3	1		89	
Otisfield,	J. P. Richardson,		2	2	2		200	
Sweden,	Eaton Mason,						43	
Waterford,	John A. Douglass,						199	
THIRTEEN.	ELEVEN.	9	17	14	13	2	1247	

YORK.

Acton	Clement Parker	2	1	2			78	
Alfred			1				122	3
Biddeford 1st	Wm. Davenport		3	3			117	1
Biddeford 2d	T. N. Lord, s. s.	4	4	2	1	1	99	
Buxton	Silas Baker ss.						92	
Cornish							12	
Eliot	Josiah Clark	3		1	1	1	123	
Kennebunk	G. W. Cressey	1	1	1	3	1	78	
Kennebunkport 1st	S. B. Gilbert s. s.	6	2	3	2	2	85	
do do South	John Baker s. s.			2	2	1	96	
do do Union							6	
Kittery	Reuben Kimball			1			34	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring		2	2			117	
Limerick	Chas. Freeman		1	2	2		120	7
Limington	F. Yeaton						90	
Lyman	D. Kendrick ss.	8		3	1		130	9
Newfield	S. M. Stone ss.			1	2		75	
Parsonsfield							46	
Saco	Sam'l Hopkins	4	2	4	1		232	6
Sanford	Jacob C. Goss ss.		13	2	2		94	
Shapleigh	Amasa Loring	2	3				21	2
South Berwick	B. R. Allen		2	1	2		130	2
Wells 1st		4		7			263	11
Wells 2d					2		84	
York 1st	J. L. Ashby		2	3	3	1	116	
York 2d	Morris Holman ss.						27	
TWENTY-SIX.	TWENTY.	34	38	40	24	7	2487	41

SUMMARY.

ierences.	No. of Churches.	No. of Pastors	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
			Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismissions.	Excluded.		
erland,	33	27	95	70	85	101	11	3950	96
lin,	13	8	28	9	15	45		832	
ock and o,	17	13	63	18	23	25	6	1896	113
ebec,	15	9	82	16	8	6	3	1174	7
ln,	19	14	7	5	11	11	3	2428	15
d,	11	9	14	16	20	9		879	
scot,	19	9	22	41	14	38	5	1295	105
taquis	13	5	6	11	7	5	3	518	11
rset,	13	7	—	—	3	1		576	18
,	13	11	9	17	14	13	2	1247	
ington,	16	6	—	—	—			1105	
	26	20	34	38	40	24	7	2487	41
took Co.,	3	2	—	—	—			60	
Twelve.	211	140	354	241	233	272	40	18,447	283

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

el P. Abbott ..... Farmington,
ill Blood ..... Ellsworth,
ge W. Bourne, Seamen's Chaplain ..... Portland
n B. Boynton ..... Wiscasset,
Boynton ..... Wiscasset,
Bradley ..... Westbrook,
han Calef ..... Lyman,
Cummings, Editor of the Christian Mirror ..... Portland,
. Ellingwood ..... Bath,
alet Gillett, D. D., Sec'y of Maine Miss'y Society .... Hallowell,
on Hackett ..... Farmington
nas Jameson ..... Gorham,
Merrill ..... Falmouth,
. Merrill ..... Limington,
eus S. Packard, Prof. ..... Brunswick,
nan Parker ..... Wiscasset,
h Pond, D. D., Prof. in Theol. Seminary ..... Bangor,
Sawyer ..... Garland,
m Sewall, Missionary ..... Chesterville,
ge Shepard, Prof. Theol. Sem. ..... Bangor,
sa Smith ..... Cumberland,
alcot Smith, Prof. Sem. ..... Bangor,
d Starret ..... Augusta,
nas C. Upham, Prof. Bowd. Col ..... Brunswick,
ard Woods, Jr, D. D, Pres. Bowd. Col ..... Brunswick,
Weston ..... Standish
s Weston ..... Standish

CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

AS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN BRUNSWICK, JUNE 1839

ART. I. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Maine.

ART. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen:—and four delegates from each County Conference, which has less than twenty churches, two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, and delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the time for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. III. The Union Conference, though not *bounded by County lines*, is admitted a member of this body with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

ART. IV. Ordained ministers, who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

ART. V. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator chosen by ballot to continue in office three years.

ART. VI. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. VII A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. X. This Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock, A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the scriptures and prayer.

ART. XII. At each meeting of the Conference a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through their hands and with their approbation.

ART. XIII This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. XIV. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connexion by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. XV. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. XVI. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. XVII. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws, and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two thirds of the members present.

(For Rules see last page.)

APPENDIX.

TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY, BLOOMFIELD ST.
FINSBURY, LONDON, 13th JULY, 1841.

BRETHREN BELOVED IN CHRIST JESUS:

The letter addressed by your Annual Meeting held in June 1840, to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, was received in due course, and was laid before the Annual Assembly of our Union, at its adjourned meeting held on the 14th of May last. It was received with great pleasure. Our Union takes a deep interest in maintaining affectionate correspondence with other bodies of believers—especially with associated bodies of churches and pastors of the same faith and order. To enable the numerous churches of our country, spread over its entire extent, to obtain recognition and fellowship of this nature, was one of the principal objects contemplated in the formation of our Union. Some most delightful communion with various other fellowships of believers, both by mutual delegations, and by letters, has already been thus obtained. Our hope is that such correspondence between christian communities will be found so uniting, so delightful, so beneficial, that the desire to cultivate it, will spread and increase greatly among the churches and servants of Christ. Intelligence of each others' welfare, mutual sympathy in each others' affairs, reciprocal and affectionate recognition of each other as brethren in Christ, between numerous and distant communities of believers, must subserve all the great interests of truth and charity. Influenced by such views, and solicitous to maintain the fraternal correspondence so happily commenced with you, dear brethren, the Assembly of this Union, directed their executive Committee to reply to your letter in their name, with cordial affection and high respect. This duty the Committee now proceed to discharge with all willingness of mind It may be performed with much imperfection, and in a manner very inadequate to the deep interest and importance of the service—but you may be assured, Dear brethren, that the committee will be the faithful interpreters of the known sentiments and affections of the entire body of their brethren in whose name they write.

We delight to recognize a most near relationship, and agreement with the Congregational churches of New England. We hail you, brethren, as

even still our countrymen—as Englishmen dwelling in America. And to our minds, as doubtless also to yours, that is felt to be a powerful bond of unity and interest between us. We remember with deep interest the scenes amidst which our fathers revived the true Scriptural principle of the kingdom of Christ, and of the constitution of Christian churches, which had been, for so many ages, buried under the proud structure of hierarchies founded on their ruins. We hold in cherished remembrance the venerated names of those faithful witnesses to the truths we love, who either encountered exile in the wilderness, or endured persecution at home for the unshaken constancy of their adherence to them. We amidst more secure and favorable circumstances, yet not without our measure of difficulty and obloquy encountered for their sake, cleave to the views of the gospel, and of its administration, bequeathed to us as a sacred inheritance by those great and good men. Their theology is still our's—the polity of their churches we still maintain—a measure of their spirit of constant adherence to truths rejected and contemned not by the world only, but by many Christian brethren, is still granted to us.

We were therefore greatly strengthened and encouraged by the testimony you bear to the result of those principles, after an experience of their operation and influence for more than two centuries, in a state of society so widely different from that in which we are placed. We rejoice in your assurance that you find the principles of Church polity common to you and us powerfully efficient to promote at once all the sacred truths and interests of spiritual religion, and all the best principles and benefits of civil Society. You find them harmonize with, and preserve in your churches, Evangelical theology, spiritual piety, and scriptural discipline. You find them in the general structure of society, congenial with intelligence, rational liberty, public order, and all the peaceful pursuits of commerce, benevolence, and literature. In all this we greatly delight—nor less in the accounts you give of the increased numbers of your churches, pastors, and communicants. In every proof of God's gracious goodness towards you—of your steadfast attachment to our common principles—of the tendency of those principles to promote the kingdom of Christ, and the welfare of mankind—we find reason for devout thanksgiving to God, and for encouragement to adhere without wavering to views of truth so long tried, so fully proved.

While we tender to you, dear brethren, our warm, affectionate congratulations on the assurances you have thus given us on these points, so satisfactory, so encouraging,—we can also in our measure respond to them. You testify to the happy influence of our principles in a state of society the very foundations, and entire structure of which were moulded by them,—designed and adapted to receive their influence and to be conservative of them. We testify to their happy effect in a state of society founded on entirely adverse principles, and thoroughly impregnated with them—a country in which government, property, sentiment, historic remembrances, lit-

erature, and the entire workings of society, all were, and are still, opposed to them—yet, even here, have those principles been held fast by faithful witnesses—they have survived arduous struggles—they have spread thro' the land—they are at this hour in greater extent and force than ever. As far as we can judge, they have wrought well for our beloved country. They have indeed occasioned controversy and alienation—as truth invariably must in its struggle with error—but they have been the main bulwark of civil as well as of religious liberty—they have maintained an interest and an influence always favorable to education, human rights and liberal sentiments. They have checked ecclesiastical assumption, and have modified the opinions of the people far beyond the range of those churches by which they have been adopted entire as the recognized will of Christ and doctrine of scripture. Our assured persuasion is that their tendencies in human society, under every modification of free and representative government must be most salutary. Meanwhile these are but the secondary and subordinate benefits resulting from them. In this country our belief is that the churches adopting congregational principles, are, at the present crisis, among the principal bulwarks of sound doctrine and spiritual religion. In their pulpits we believe the truth as it is Jesus, is preached with happy consent, and great fidelity and vigor. In their churches spiritual religion flourishes and spiritual discipline is maintained. They are laborious and active in efforts to spread around them the glorious gospel whether in populous cities and in towns, or in rural districts. They increase steadily. and though we cannot give such accurate statistical statements of their numbers as those with which you favor us, yet we suppose they must amount in England and Wales to nearly two thousand, and their communicants to more than one hundred and fifty thousand, while these alas! bear but too small a proportion to the entire number of those that unite in their worship, embrace their principles, and sustain their interests.

We shall be delighted, Dear Brethren, when Providence opens the way for that important movement—the sending a delegation from our body to visit and salute you as brethren in Christ. This is a design of which we have never lost sight, though difficulties have retarded its accomplishment. No less shall we rejoice to welcome a delegation from our honored brethren in New England, when you shall be enabled to reciprocate that mode of fellowship. We offer affectionate prayers to God for you, dear brethren. We affectionately thank you for your supplications on our behalf, and request you not to decline in that proof and fruit of your love to us. We hope the Lord Jesus Christ will look with approval on you and us as witnesses for His truth—and that after we have served His cause on earth we may be happily united in his glory and praise to all eternity. Amen.

Signed by direction of the Committee of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. ALGERNON WELLS, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND, MAINE,
June 20, 1844.

TO THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

It is with much pleasure that we resume a correspondence, which we assure you has been interrupted through no want of fraternal interest on our part. Circumstances, which we need not explain, have prevented an earlier reply from us, to your excellent and most acceptable communication, bearing date July 13th, 1841. While we thank you for all the fraternal expressions contained in that letter, we most heartily reciprocate them. Our interest in you and in your affairs, has increased with our knowledge of you, and of the interesting position you occupy, both as Christians and as Congregationalists.

The account given us, by our esteemed brother, Rev. J. B. Condit, of his interview with you, at your annual meeting in 1843, has afforded us much pleasure, and strengthened in our hearts, as his presence seems, from the published account, to have done in yours, the emotions of love and sympathy. With similar views of doctrine and of church polity; having one heart as to the great religious undertakings, both at home and abroad, which mark the present, like the first century of the church, as the age of missions; and looking back to a common ancestry, who loved the same things, and sought, often with much sacrifice, the same ends, it would indeed be strange, if to *know*, were not to *love*, each other.

Your position and ours, with reference to the communities in which we reside, is indeed, as we must have perceived, even from the respective reports of the two bodies, widely dissimilar. You, dear brethren, have many trials, and most important *duties*, too, growing out of your relation to a government which recognizes you only as dissenters from its established and fostered church; trials which we believe God must have given you grace to bear with meekness; and duties, which, we trust, you will, as in time past, so in future, nobly and courageously discharge. We, on the other hand, being neither members of an establishment, nor dissenters, — under a government, which, as such, neither aids nor hinders us in our work, have our own trials, yet we can but in part understand the weight of the burdens which press upon our brethren of the Scottish free church, or the amount of annoyance and hindrance which *you* find, from such proposed measures as that involved in the educational clause of the factory bill, to which we find so much of your attention was directed, at the meeting of your body in 1843.

These peculiarities, however, in our respective fields of labor, and in the trials and duties which fall to our lot, constitute no obstacle in the way of an affectionate sympathy. What Christian, on earth, is perfectly known, all his state and feelings, to any *earthly* friends? But the certainty that

in the heart of Christ, the knowledge and remembrance of our condition and trials, as well as of our names, meet and dwell; a thought, which the very difficulty of understanding each other's case, may well awaken, constitutes, in itself, one of the sweetest bonds of union.

We, too, dear brethren, have our trials and discouragements. Numerous errors abound, which, if they rarely gain an entrance among our church members, beguile multitudes of the less enlightened, whom we might otherwise hope to reach and benefit.

The vice of intemperance *has* been a great source of mischief to the community, and even in our churches has furnished more cases of discipline, than all other causes. Now, however, as you must have known, there is a truly wonderful retrogression of this tide of evil—and while bad men and haters of the church are using the temperance cause, as they do that of Emancipation, and some others, as instruments for promoting their disorganizing and violent schemes, yet we feel that "the way of the Lord" has been greatly "prepared" by this remarkable and sweeping reformation.

We suffer in feeling as in reputation abroad, with all our countrymen, on account of the dishonorable pecuniary transactions of some of the States, and the disgrace and sin of slavery in others, a disgrace and sin resting upon our *nation*, as that of the former does not, or at least *ought* not. Still in New England, there is but one feeling among the churches, we might almost say among the people, as to those and other questions of public morality.

But we are in fact powerless, except by prayer and the full expression of our views—and no slaveholder is ignorant that the entire voice of the Northern churches is against the whole system and practice of slavery. Differences we have as to measures, but neither advocate nor apologist for slavery can be found—with possibly the most rare exceptions—in all our body and the corresponding associations through New England.

Join your prayers, dear brethren, with ours, that God will forgive and remove this sin, and that the great principles of civil and religious freedom which are so dear to you and us and all our brethren of Puritan descent, may not longer be exposed to contempt or hindered in their progress by being found associated with anarchy and misrule, with breach of public faith, or with the despotism of slavery.

We find not the least of our trials, as Maine Congregationalists, in the fact, that the population is rapidly increasing, beyond our power fully to supply the means of grace in the remote districts, and thus to cast salt into these fountains, whence great streams are to issue.

These things, with our own sinful hearts and the slow progress of God's renewing and saving work in our congregations, compel us to say, in all fervor of desire, "Brethren pray for us."

The last year has brought with it to us little of special interest. We are still united, and our churches outwardly prosperous. And while we have

not welcomed such numbers to our communion, as in other years, there is some evidence of spiritual progress among God's children, as well as cause for rejoicing over not a few true converts to Christ.

We deeply feel, dear brethren, the inadequacy of these brief communications to express all that it is in our hearts to say to you. Most gladly should we welcome a deputation, from whom we might at length and *viva voce* learn "your state and how you do."

Meantime we love you, we pray for you, we entreat your supplications for us, and subscribe ourselves most cordially,

Your friends and brethren in our dear and common Lord.

Signed in behalf and by direction of the Gen. Conf. of Maine,

J. W. CHICKERING,
Corresponding Secretary.

RULES OF THE MAINE CONFERENCE,

ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN BRUNSWICK, JUNE 1839.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution;—or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of Committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement or commitment.

9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference a brief account of the meetings of the religious societies, which hold their anniversaries in connexion with the Conference.

10. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

MINUTES

OF THE

ENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN FRYEBURG,

June 24, 1845.

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MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine met at the Congregational Meeting House in Fryeburg, June 24, 1845, at 9 o'clock, A. M. The County Conferences were represented as follows.

York.	Rev. J. C. Goss, Rev. John Baker, Rev. Amasa Loring, Bro. Porter Hall, Bro. Albert Cole.
Cumberland.	Rev. David Shepley, Rev. Elijah Jones, Rev. Chas. Dame, Rev. Enos Merrill, Bro. Jno. McKeen.
Kennebec.	Rev. Eli Thurston, Rev. J. W. Peet, Bro. Stephen Sewall.
Somerset.	
Penobscot,	Rev. J. R Munsell, Rev. Robert Page, Bro. A. Walker, Bro. J. B. Hayes.
Franklin.	Rev. Jos. Freeman Jr. Rev. J. H. Conant, Bro. Cyrus Pierce, Bro. Robert Goodnow.
Union.	Rev. David Gerry. Rev. G. F. Tewksl Dea. Samuel Stickn ey, Dea. Silas Blake.
Oxford.	Rev. Chas Soule, Rev. Joseph Walker, Bro. Jed'h Burbank, Bro. S. Poor.
Lincoln.	Rev. A. T. Loring, Rev. E. Wells, Rev. Jno. O. Fiske, Dea. R. C. Webb.
Washington.	
Hancock and Waldo.	Rev. E. G. Cutler, Rev. Sewall Tenney, Dea. Samuel Dutton.
Piscataquis.	Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, Rev. Horatio Ilsley, Dea. John How.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. Geo. E. Adams, *Moderator;* J. W. Chickering, E F. Cutter, *Secretaries;* Rev. Messrs. W. T. Dwight, Chas. Freeman, Ray Palmer, Carlton Hurd, Asa Cummings, C. Pearl, C. F. Page, Bro. Ruel Barrows.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire, Rev. Benj. G. Willey, and Rev. Isaac Knight.

Gen. Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Joseph Bennet.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Thos. Shepard.

Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. John D. Matthews.

TUESDAY.

A. M. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, by the Moderator. The Constitution and Rules were read.

The Rev. Dr. Edwards then addressed the Conference in respect to the claims of the Christian Sabbath.

Ordained ministers present, were invited to sit with the Conference and participate in its deliberations.

Letters to the Congregational and Presbyterian Convention of Wisconsin, to the General Association of New York, and to the General Association of Michigan, prepared by Rev. J. W. Chickering, as Corresponding Secretary, were read by him, and adopted by the Conference.

Rev. Messrs. J. W. Chickering, C. Pearl, W. T. Dwight, A. T. Loring, delegates to Corresponding Bodies, reported that they had severally fulfilled their appointments, and found a cordial, Christian reception

Rev. Chas. Freeman, from the committee on "the principles of Congregationalism," presented a report, which was laid on the table for farther consideration.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Chickering, was read and accepted.

Voted, That the printed minutes of the Conference be the certificate to members, of their appointment as delegates to Corresponding bodies.

Rev. Messrs. J. C. Goss, Nath. Chapman, and C. F. Page were appointed a Committee of nominations.

After uniting in prayer with Rev. Dr. Patton of N. Y., the Conference adjourned till after the exercises of the Cong. Charitable Society.

P. M. The *Congregational Charitable Society* held its annual meeting.—Introductory services by Rev. Jno. O. Fiske. Sermon from Neh. 6 : 3, by Rev. Eli Thurston. Collection, $55,72.

Officers.—Rev. B. Tappan, D. D. Pres., Dea. Samuel Adams, Vice Pres., Rev. C. Freeman, Sec'y, Rev. David Thurston, Treas., Stephen Sewall, Esq., Auditor. *Trustees.*—President and Secretary ex-officiis, Rev. Messrs. Greely, Ellingwood, Gillett, Jones, Condit, and E. Thurston. 1st preach-

er. Rev. E. Pond, D. D. 2d preacher, Rev. G. E. Adams. Committee to solicit an annual donation of one dollar from each minister in their county or association, to report at next meeting. Rev. Messrs. Freeman, Jones, Frost, Hurd, Hathaway, B. Tappan, D. D., A. T. Loring, Cutler, Maltby, W. Parker, S. H. Keeler, Tenney and Rogers. A copy of the sermon was requested for pubublication.

4 o'clock. The Conference resumed its session. The exercises were opened by singing and reading the Scriptures; after which addresses were made to children and youth, on "*the importance and necessity of giving their hearts immediately to Christ*," by Rev. Messrs. Bennet and Chickering; and to parents, on "*being faithful to the spiritual interests of their children*," by Rev. Messrs. Marsh and Patton.

The session was closed with prayer and the benediction by the Moderator.

Evening. The exercises were introduced with singing and reading the Scriptures. The evening was occupied with devotional exercises, having particular reference to the present condition of our churches; Rev. Messrs. Drummond, Hurd, Spaulding, Tappan, Clark, Marsh and others led in exhortation and prayer. Adjourned to Wednesday, A. M., 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY.

A. M. The Conference met according to adjournment. The session was opened as usual with devotional exercises.

Rev. Gideon Hall, Agent of the Am. Tract Society, addressed the meeting in reference to the operations of that Society.

8 ½ o'clock. Adjourned to give room for the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The annual meeting of this Society was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer by the President.

The sermon was preached by Rev. David Shepley, from 2 Cor. 4: 13.

The Report of the Treasurer was accepted and adopted.

The Secretary, Rev. Dr Gillett presented the Report of the Trustees, which, on motion of Rev. S. C. Fessenden, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Addresses were made by Rev. S. C. Fessenden, Rev. Dr. Patton of N. Y. delegate from the Am. Home Miss. Society, Rev. Messrs Savage, Cutter, and Page.

The annual collection was taken up, amounting to $91. The exercises were closed with remarks and prayer from Rev. Jotham Sewall.

The officers of last year were re-elected.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be held at Augusta, on the 4th Wednesday of June, 1846. 1st preacher, Rev. Charles Frost. 2d preacher, Rev. J W. Chickering.

P. M. The Conference resumed its exercises. The session was opened by singing, reading the Scriptures by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev

J. D. Matthews of Kentucky, delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The following addresses were made:

On SABBATH SCHOOLS, in reference to the operations of the Am. Sab. School Union, by Rev. Mr. Marsh, of Mass.—in reference to the operations of the Mass. S. S. Socicty, by Rev. Asa Bullard, Secretary Mass. S. S. Society.

On SEAMEN, by Rev. Dr. Patton, delegate from Am. Seaman's Friend Society, and Rev. Mr. Bourne, Seamen's Chaplain at Portland.

On FOREIGN MISSIONS, by Rev. Mr. Spaulding, of the Ceylon Mission.

On the BIBLE, by Rev. Mr. Butler, agent of Am. Bible Society.

Rev. Mr. Bennet, delegate from the Gen. Association of Mass., presented a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of that Association.

4 o'clock. Conference adjourned to give room for the exercises of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society.

MAINE EDUCATION SOCIETY. The meeting was opened by prayer from Rev. G. E. Adams, in the absence of the President.

The annual report was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, and, on motion of Rev. Mr. Drummond, was accepted and adopted.

Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Drummond, Rev. J. H. Riddel, Sec'y of Am. Education Soc'y, and Rev. J. D. Matthews of Kentucky.

Officers.—Hon. R. P. Dunlap, *President;* Rev. E. Pond, D. D., and Wm. Richardson, Esq., *Vice Presidents;* Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., *Secretary;* Prof. W. Smyth, *Treasurer*; Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, Ellingwood, G. E. Adams, Cummings, D. Shepley and Palmer, *Directors;* Joseph McKeen, Esq., *Auditor.*

The Conference adjourned to 6 ½ o'clock.

Evening. The Conference met according to adjournment. The session was opened as usual by devotional exercises.

Rev. Ray Palmer, Chairman of committee on Psalmody reported verbally that nothing seemed practicable in reference to the subject, which report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

To the Triennial Gen. Ass. of Pres. Chh. at Philadelphia, 3d Thursday in May, 1846.

Primary.	*Substitute.*
Rev. E. Pond, D. D.	Rev. E. F. Cutter,

To the Annual Gen. Ass. of Pres. Chh. at Philad. 3d Thursday in May 1846.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. E. G. Parsons,	Rev. R. Woodhull,
Bro. Jos. Adams.	Dea. J Page.

To the General Association of New Hampshire.

Primaries	*Substitutes.*
Rev. C. Frost,	Rev. C. Hurd,
" N. Dole.	" J. C. Goss.

To the General Association of Massachusetts.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. J. Rogers,	Rev. A. C. Adams,
" Wm. Warren.	" D. M. Mitchell.

To the General Convention of Vermont.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. James Drummond,	Rev. Jos. Walker,
" Jno. Perham.	" Jos. Loring.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. Samuel Talbot,	Rev. B. Tappan, D. D.,
" J. A. Douglass.	" J. O. Fiske.

To the General Association of Connecticut.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. J. P. Richardson,	Rev. J. Baker,
" B. R. Allen.	" A. Loring.

To the General Association of Michigan.

Primary.	*Substitute.*
Rev. D. Thurston.	Rev. E. G. Cutler.

To the General Conference of Wisconsin.

Primary.	*Substitute.*
Rev. E. Thurston.	Rev. Wm. Breed.

To the General Association of New York.

Primary.	*Substitute.*
Rev. S. C. Fessenden.	Rev. E. Seabury.

To the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. S. L. Pomeroy.

Committee to certify to the standing of ministers travelling out of the State.

Rev. A. Cummings,	Rev. W. T. Dwight,
" B. Tappan, D. D.,	" E. Gillett, D. D.,
" E. Pond, D. D.,	" Jno. Maltby.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

York,	Rev T. N. Lord,
Cumberland,	" J. B. Condit,
Hancock and Waldo,	" S. Tenney,
Lincoln,	" J. Dodge,
Oxford,	" C. Frost,
Union,	" J. A. Douglass,
Kennebec,	Bro Stephen Sewall,
Franklin,	Rev. J. Freeman,
Penobscot,	Dea. Benj. Crosby,
Piscataquis,	Rev. W. Parker,
Washington,	Bro. Geo. Downes.

Place of next meeting,—Augusta.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Rev. E. Thurston,
Rev. J. W. Peet.

FIRST PREACHER, Rev. Nathaniel Chapman,
SECOND PREACHER, Rev. Edward F. Cutter.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any action, and if so, what action should be taken by this Conference, in reference to the recent resolutions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in respect to slavery; said committee to report to-morrow morning. Rev. Messrs. Freeman, D. Thurston and J. W. Peet were chosen said Committee.

Voted that the Conference adjourn till to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

The remainder of the evening was occupied by a sermon from Rev. Dr. Patton, on Exodus 33 : 19.

THURSDAY.

A. M. Conference met according to adjournment. Session opened with prayer and reading the Scriptures by the Moderator.

Rev. D. Thurston from the committee appointed "to inquire as to the propriety and duty of any action on the part of this Conference, in reference to the recent doings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on Slavery," presented a report, which after discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, enlarged by the addition of Rev. Messrs. Dwight and Palmer.

The question of changing the name of this body was indefinitely postponed.

The public exercises were introduced by prayer from Rev. Mr. Spaulding.

Rev. Mr. Tucker, a colporteur within the bounds of this Conference, made a brief statement of his labors in this department.

Rev. A. Cummings presented the report of the committee appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

REPORT.

A portion of your Committee fulfilled their appointment, by visiting the Seminary, and attending the annual examination and exhibition, in August last. The result was most satisfactory in each of the Departments. There was abundant evidence of ability and faithfulness on the part of the teachers, and of industrious and successful application on the part of the students; connected as it is believed, with a consistent Christian deportment and devotional, practical piety. The simple expression of approbation does but inadequately represent the judgement and feelings of the Committee. They witnessed, not only much to approve, but something to admire. The performances of the graduating class were fraught with valuable thoughts, rich in Christian and philanthropic sentiment, and uttered with a manly eloquence. Most of that class have since been usefully em-

ployed.—The larger portion in our own State.—One is laboring in Iowa in the service of the Am. H. Miss. Society.

This brief general testimony is deemed sufficient for the present occasion, as notices, somewhat extended and specific, penned at the time, and believed to be expressive of the opinions of all the members of the Committee, who were present, were published the week following the anniversary, and consequently, have long been before the churches. Visiting clergymen of distinction, belonging to our own State, and from abroad, fully participated in the views and impressions of the Committee; and have, in various forms, expressed their interest in the Seminary, and their high estimate of its value to the religious prosperity of Maine.

The current year has, thus far, been one of blessing to the institution. There have been seasons of apprehension from causes which will be alluded to; but the thing feared has not yet come upon it. The Faculty of instruction has not suffered the dreaded bereavement.

The Library, before valuable, has received an important increase of nearly one thousand volumes, selected with great care, and most of them imported from Europe, being, in general, such works as could not beprocured in this country.

The real estate held by the Seminary, has become more valuable, and some of it has been made available for the payment of a portion of its debt. The buildings are kept in good repair, and together with the Library are constantly insured. The salaries of the Professors have been paid. The finances of the Seminary have in all respects improved, and its prospects in this regard were never so full of promise as at the present time.

A fact, not less important, is the increased number of students. The catalogue for the current year,contains the names of fifty pupils in the three classes of undergraduates—from different, and some of them, distant states, the graduates of remotely situated colleges, as well as those in Maine and other New England States—one of them is from the neighboring province of Canada; facts demonstrating that the institution has a reputation abroad, and that the advantages which it holds forth for the best professional training, are attracting many besides our own young men. With the continuance of the present Faculty, this is likely to be the case, hereafter, to a far greater extent. So that while exerting ourselves to provide pioneers of the Gospel, and pastors of churches, formed and to be formed in Maine, God is conferring on us the high honor and privilege of educating them also for the provinces of another nation, and for other portions of our widely extended country.

But this goodly prospect would turn to dreariness, if the churches, through neglect of duty and dread of pecuniary sacrifice, should suffer this greatly needed and useful Seminary to be deprived of any one of its teachers. A vacancy thus made in the Board of Instruction would, of course, disperse the pupils, leaving but a sorry remnant, and the institution itself to drag out a faint and comparatively useless existence. We have proof of the high esteem in which they are held by men abroad most competent to judge. The solicitude which has been manifested to secure their services in other institutions and fields of labor, should convince us that they are worth retaining at any reasonable sacrifice. And our churches have a work for them to do, of incomparably greater importance, than to be agitating the inquiries—"What shall we eat? What shall we drink? Wherewith shall we be clothed?" They cannot afford such men for such employment; and such men are not required to be thus employed. There are individuals and bodies of men, elsewhere, ready to settle all such questions for them, if we will not—and would esteem their services as more than an equivalent. Men, good men, learned men, devoted to their Maker, and the instruction and welfare of their species, are worth more to a State than

gold or silver, merchandize or farms. Duty, interest, self respect, the reputation of our State, demand of us the retention of such men among us, till the necessity for their labors shall have been diminished, or they removed by the providence of God. Better is it for us to sustain and cheer men, whose accomplishments as teachers, will attract scores of the choicest young men, annually, from other districts of the land, than to suffer them to depart, and draw after them the flower of our own educated youth, and leave us nothing for the supply of our own churches but the sediments of all other theological schools in our country.

It is a matter of thankfulness that some of our citizens have begun to exhibit the practical efficacy of these views. The acceptance of Prof. Shepard's late call to Brooklyn was to turn on the condition, whether or not his Professorship should be speedily endowed; and a few citizens of Bangor—the number we believe, is seven—promptly came forward and pledged the endowment; and for its security have mortgaged real estate of unquestionable value, binding themselves, their heirs, and assigns forever. Annuities, nearly or quite sufficient to pay the salaries of the other two, have been secured for a series of years; so that the pecuniary concerns of the Seminary are now in a manageable condition, and the Trustees will have opportunity, without hurry or distraction, to establish permanent endowments, which shall begin to be productive, when the time arrives for the annuities to cease; and it is devoutly hoped that the Congregational community will earnestly cöoperate in effecting a result so desirable and important.

The Committee ask not, and wish not for wealth in behalf of the institution. They would deprecate having a single dollar of superfluous fund.—But certain fixtures are essential to its continued existence, and vigorous operation. Such are the necessary buildings, a library, and professors. A Theological Seminary is, in our country, necessarily, a charity school. It is unlike a literary or scientific institution, where tuition fees, and room rents produce a revenue for the support of teachers; and where, of course, a teacher's remuneration may justly be made to depend in part upon the number of pupils his talents and reputation shall draw to him. But a theological professor may have accomplishments without a parallel, and draw hundreds to his institution, without any pecuniary benefit to himself, while his cares and responsibilities would be increased.

The necessity or expediency of having theological seminaries is not an open question. We must have them. Time was, when candidates for the ministry were taught by pastors, and thus prepared for the sacred office.—But then society had fixed habits, moved on steadily, and at a uniform rate. People went to meeting Sundays, and minded their worldly business the rest of the week. Ministers had the control of their own time, and had no dread of factions, while performing service for the churches generally, by training their young pastors. Now, society is in a constant ferment. Various opinions and schemes are mooted, and contending sects are struggling for the mastery. A pastor now must be ever on the alert, or his inclosure will be broken down, and his flock stray from the fold. We ask, confidently, where is the pastor in Maine, who could possibly find time to do justice, as theological tutor, to a candidate for the Christian ministry?

The fear that the institution will become degenerate, and hereafter apostatize from the truth, may possibly have its influence on some minds, and restrain them from making such efforts in its behalf, as would place it above embarrassing poverty. But a similar apprehension might as justly operate in regard to anything, which is done or attempted for the promotion of religion in any form or circumstances. We may as well give over all attempts to convert sinners, lest their change should prove a spurious conversion; or for enlarging and edifying the church, through fear that the church will apostatize. The preventive of so dreaded a deterioration lies with the churches. What blessing, which they need, is not promised to

ers? Besides, if our churches should be distinguished for their
y, for their attachment to the truth as it is in Jesus, for a hearty
ıg consecration to God, and an intelligent, fervid zeal to extend
e of holiness; these characteristics in them would act, by a mora
on both the Professors and pupils, with a power of which we
ı feeble conception, and raise their standard of practical devotion.
ıld see that none but spiritually minded and ardently devoted
could be received as pastors, or admitted to a share of the confi-
God's people.

ın the Congregational churches of Maine cease to regard this
the prophets as something insulated and separate from themselves.
identify its interests and prosperity with their own. Let them
their bosoms, and enrol it among the subjects of their daily pray-
them foster it with the timely ministrations of charity. Let its
teachers have, as they deserve, the confidence and trustful affec-
ir brethren and sisters, of the fathers and mothers in our Israel, to
n on in their arduous and responsible work. Let its pupils—most
ıre making their way to the ministry through the embarrassments
, be assured of a sympathy which will smoothe the asperities of
; of that thoughtful and tender interest, which looks, and hopes,
that they may be burning and shining lights, to guide their fel-
ın the way to glory. By no other process whatever can you so
ind them to duty and fidelity. No stimulus can you apply,
l have so kindly and vigorous an operation in rousing their sensi-
nd calling into action their intellectual and moral energies, and
them to serve God and their generation according to his will.—
fostering attentions, these friendly offices, these sympathies and
he churches will be amply compensated by increasingly rich an-
rns of laborers for the gospel vineyard. Our Zion will receive
sons, stored with the knowledge, and adorned with the graces of
ty, and armed with the panoply of God—to man her walls, to de-
out-posts, and to lead on "the sacramental host," in aggressive
pon the empire of Satan.

A. Cummings, *for the Committee.*

ıes from Corresponding Bodies presented their reports of the state
ı within the limits of their respective States.

l Association of New Hampshire, Rev. J. Knight; Evangelical
ion of Rhode Island, Rev. Thomas Shepard; Annual General
of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. John D. Matthews.

niting in prayer with Rev. Mr. Holmes of N. H., the conference
e following resolution, presented by Rev. J. W. Chickering.

d, That it be recommended to all the families connected with this
ıe, to supply themselves with "The Permanent Sabbath Docu-
r some other good Sabbath Manual, that the children and youth
e made acquainted with the evidence of the universal and perpet-
ıtion of the Sabbath, and with the reasons why they should re-
t to keep it holy.

ıport on the state of religion within the bounds of this Conference
by Rev. J. W. Chickering, Corresponding Secretary.

was offered by Rev. Mr. Perham.

ımmittee appointed with reference to the recent doings of tha

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on slavery," presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed to inquire as to the propriety and duty of any action on the part of this Conference in reference to the recent doings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on Slavery, recommend that the following Minute be adopted by the Conference, and entered on their records:

The General Conference of Maine have seen, with surprise and grief, the report and resolutions on the subject of Slavery, adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at their recent session in Cincinnati. This document appears, in the view of the Conference, to be directly at variance with a former report, made by the General Assembly on the same subject, in 1818, and to be intended as a justification of the system of slavery now existing in the Southern States, by an appeal to the scriptures, and contains nothing which looks, however remotely, to its overthrow; but is fitted to produce the impression, that this system is justified by the Word of God, and therefore not to be abolished.

This Conference deem it accordingly a duty, publicly to express their dissent from these proceedings of a body, with which they have so long maintained fraternal intercourse.

Rev. Mr. Spaulding made some remarks to the portion of the audience not connected with the visible church of Christ; and closed the public exercises by reading the hymn, "Sinners, will you scorn the message, &c.," and the benediction.

P. M. The Conference met for closing exercises Prayer was offered, and the annual Sermon preached by Rev. Ray Palmer from Gal. 2: 20.

The Conference united with the members of churches present in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, at which Rev. Messrs. Spaulding, David Thurston, Thomas Shepard and Jotham Sewall, officiated.

It was then *Voted*, That the cordial thanks of the Conference be offered to the people of this place, for their unbounded hospitality and kindness, and to the choir of singers for their acceptable services, with our best wishes, and our prayers to God for their spiritual and eternal welfare.

Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Chickering and Dwight were appointed the publishing committee.

The Conference having united in singing a parting hymn adjourned to meet in Augusta, on the Tuesday preceding the 4th Wednesday in June, 1846, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

EDWARD F. CUTTER, *Rec. Sec'y.*

Fryeburg, June 26, 1845.

REPORT on the STATE OF RELIGION, June 1845.

When the children of Israel were gathered in Jerusalem, at the rebuilding of the Temple, there was a strange intermingling of shouts of joy with loud weeping. "And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites, and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice."

There is among us, to-day, both joy and sadness. We rejoice to meet, a larger body, and representing a larger number of churches than the General Conference of 1831 assembled in this place. We rejoice in prevailing peace and harmony; in the gradual extension of the means of grace throughout our bounds; and in various evidences that as the mountains are round about this place, so the Lord has been, even through all the late season of declension, round about us His people, defending us from all outward dangers, and preserving us from utter apostacy and desolation.—Yet who that remembers the history of the year preceding our last meeting in this place, —who that remembers that meeting itself, with the tidings of joy that were brought to it, and the wonders of grace that marked and followed it, but must feel a sadness like that of those Jews who wept when they remembered the glories and the desolations of Zion, and looked in vain, even after the second temple was completed, for the costly splendors, the ark of the covenant, the visible Shechinah, the Urim and Thummim, and the fire from heaven upon the altar, which had adorned and made glorious the first sanctuary.

Turning our eyes to the North-Eastern section of the State, we see much land yet to be possessed. The County of *Aroostook* has as yet no organization of Congregational churches, by which they can become regularly connected with the Maine Conference. And yet they feel that by all Christian ties and sympathies they have a right to a name and a place in our Zion. One church in the county is connected with the Penobscot Conference. Besides this, there are three churches supplied with preaching, one of which was organized during the year. Whole number of members in the three churches 52. Another is soon to be formed. "That Congregationalism is gaining ground in this North-East angle, cannot be doubted, any more than that its advance is of great importance to the future destiny of this growing region."

In the *Washington Conference* there are 16 churches, 5 with settled pastors; 3 having stated supplies. Two pastors have been dismissed during the year. The churches thus left destitute hope to be soon re-supplied.

"The state of religion within our boundaries appears to have been more prosperous during the past, than the preceding year. Many of the people of God have been quickened, their religious enjoyments have increased; and, it is hoped, permanent advancement in grace has been made.

We have cause of gratitude for the special influences of the Spirit shed upon several of our churches."

Robbinston reports a few cases of hopeful conversion. In Dennysville the work of grace has been still more general. Quite a number, chiefly youth, indulge the hope of having passed from death unto life.

The church in Calais reports as follows: "The church in this town has great cause for thanksgiving to God for the special tokens of his favor during the past winter. Our annual church fast was held on the first Monday in January last. The presence of the Divine Spirit was signally manifest on that occasion, and a revival spirit in the church was awakened. Meetings for prayer and conference and inquiry, were fully sustained during the winter, and for four months with but little diminution of interest.

The revival has been mostly confined to the Sabbath School, in which more than twenty indulge hopes of a change of heart. A number of heads of families in the village are among the fruits of the good work. Fifteen have lately united with the church. Eleven stand propounded for admission in July; and numbers more, we hope, will be found and gathered in as the fruits of the harvest.' "

"There are some things in this report which demand particular notice. [redacted] a very small number of additions. Two thirds of the churches [redacted] have received a single member. We [redacted] What will be [redacted] County, at the state of things [redacted] churches will be exhausted. Yet we [redacted] renewed interest [redacted]

Another thing worthy of special note is the large number of [redacted] Last year [redacted] this year [redacted] Thus your [redacted] But it may [redacted] churches.

Another [redacted] overlooked, is the [redacted] of dedicating children to God [redacted] for a blessing is not?

[redacted] Church, since its organization, a period of about [redacted]

1. This year stands for the most numerous additions, the greatest net [redacted] the most numerous baptisms and the fewest exclusions, with the exception of having one meeting-day in this place in 1831, though the whole [redacted] that time was little more than half [redacted] were received, making a gain of 1778, 1361 baptisms and 21 excluded.

[redacted] since the church was formed have there been so few [redacted] as the present year. *Not since before we have had any [redacted]* This year there have been 339 additions, 288 baptisms, and a net loss of 104. Only [redacted] have gained at all, and they lost in the small [redacted] In one entire conference but three have received [redacted] and in each only one such addition is reported.

Brethren, our Redeemer bears extended command. He leaves these [redacted] for themselves. They are the revelations of God's [redacted] which these statements prove in sum of His grace.

[redacted] this year, this dark year, has not been [redacted] the picture, of the brighter for the [redacted] like the shining places where the sunbeams penetrate [redacted] Christ's churches. We are not suffered to disbelieve the pos[redacted] the glory of *Revivals of Religion*, while some of our [redacted] them as they [redacted] God has done for them.

[redacted] of the Gospel, so well attended upon, so favor[redacted] and harmony, been in vain? Ohno! that Word, thus blessed, saving Word, shall not return void. Many a Christian heart has been living and growing holy under it. Many a plant of righteousness has flourished without any shower of grace, simply by the fertilizing power of the gentle dew, that has come in darkness and in silence. And may we not hope that some sharp arrows have lodged in the hearts of the King's enemies, which will be felt more and more until we shall be called upon to lead them to the great Physician.

Brethren, according to your faith be it unto you. And may our next meeting be like that which followed the one last held in this house of God —with some of us, then safe in our mansions of light, look down, perhaps *come* down, though unseen and silent, like the spirits now hovering around us, and rejoice with more than mortal joy.

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* For statistical summary see tables.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

*** Totals where not reported — printed same as last year.
S. S. stated supply.

CUMBERLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r	D'ths	Dis.	Exc. & Sus		
Auburn	S. Merrill, s. s.	5	2	1	1		90	5
Baldwin	Noah Emerson						15	
Brunswick	Geo. E. Adams	2	3	5			177	5
Cape Elizabeth	D. M. Mitchell, s. s.						57	
Cumberland	Joseph Blake		2	2	1		151	17
Danville							8	
Durham				1			51	
Falmouth 1st	Charles Dame	1		1	5	1	136	12
" 2nd	John Wilde			1	3		78	
Freeport	E. G. Parsons			4	5		205	2
Gorham	Aaron C. Adams	10	9	2	14	2	178	13
Gray	—— Lincoln, s. s.			1			44	
Harpswell	Elijah Kellogg					1	40	1
Hebron & W Minot		2					46	2
Lewiston Falls	J. Drummond	1	2	3	3	1	83	
Mechanic Falls	Nathan Cobb						20	
Minot	Elijah Jones	4	1	5	1		162	
N. Gloucester	S. H. Shepley				1		179	3
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley		5	4	5		279	
" 2nd	Caleb Hobart			4		8	104	
Poland	Thomas Williams		1	4	1		63	5
Pownal	W. V. Jordan			3			168	4
Portland 2nd	J. B. Condit	1	6	5	8	2	377	9
" 3rd	W. T. Dwight	1	11	4	7	1	262	9
" High St.	J. W. Chickering	4	13	9	5		344	7
" Abyssinian	A. N. Freeman	7	1	2	2	4	86	5
" Bethel	G. W. Bourne, s. s.	3		1	1		27	4
Raymond							16	
Scarboro'	A. Fisk	2	2	1	1		101	1
Standish	Isaac Weston, s. s.	1	4	2	3		60	
Westbrook 1st			3				80	
Westbrook 2nd	C. Chapman	1		1	3	4	120	
Windham	William Warren	1	2	2	1		72	
THIRTY-THREE.	TWENTY-EIGHT.	46	67	68	70	24	3879	104

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Chesterville	J. N. Conant						49	
Farmington	J. Rogers	5		2	2		128	9
Fayette							11	
Industry	—— Smith, s. s.				1		95	1
Kingfield	D. Turner						12	
New Portland	S. Turner, s. s.						21	
New Sharon	J. T. Hawes						100	
New Vineyard	D. Turner			1			28	
Phillips	S. Turner, s. s.			1	1		57	
Strong	J. Freeman			1	3		114	5
Temple	A. Morton	2	1	1		1	94	8
Weld	S. Gould, s. s.				1	1	54	
Wilton							50	
THIRTEEN.	NINE.	7	1	6	8	2	813	23

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Aurora & Amherst	M. W. Strickland						31	
Belfast	E. G. Cutler	1	2	3	5		226	5
Bluehill	J. Sewall, Jr.			1	5		166	1
Brooksville	M. Ellis, ss						50	
Bucksport	Wm. J. Breed	10	2	3	2		169	8
Camden	Nath'l Chapman	3		2	1		126	2
Castine, Trin. Ch				2	2		98	
Deer Isle	J. Adams						206	
Ellsworth	Sewall Tenney		2	1		1	117	7
Frankfort	S. H. Hayes	5	1		4		67	3
Jackson & Brooks	Luther Wiswall	2	4		1	1	91	10
Knox & vicinity							26	
1st Prospect	S. Thurston			1	5	6	244	
2d Prospect							52	
Sedgwick	M. Ellis						58	
Mt. Desert							149	
Swanville							31	
SEVENTEEN.	ELEVEN.	21	11	13	25	8	1907	36

KENNEBEC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Albion	Francis L. Smith,ss						23	
Augusta North	NathanW. Sheldon						38	
" South	Benj. Tappan, DD	3	9	2	2		209	12
Clinton	Francis L. Smith						13	
Gardiner	Josiah W. Peet		3	3	8	1	60	8
Hallowell	Eli Thurston	2	1	7	5		216	5
Litchfield	Timothy Davis						51	
Pittston							45	
Sidney							15	
Richmond	W. W. Rand, s. s.							
Vassalboro'	Nathan W.Sheldon						42	
Waterville							58	
Windsor							29	
Winslow		1	2	2	1		76	5
Winthrop	David Thurston		1	4	4	1	177	
FIFTEEN.	EIGHT.	6	16	18	20	2	1052	30

LINCOLN.

Alna	Samuel Talbot						102	
Bath, Winter St.	J. O. Fiske	4	4	10	3	1	266	20
Bath, 3d	Ray Palmer						145	
Boothbay	Wm. Tobey, s. s.						196	
Bremen							17	
Bristol	S. L. Gould			2	1	1	103	4
Damariscotta	E. Seabury		2		1		96	4
Edgecomb	E. Wells		3		3		100	
Jefferson							9	
Lisbon	J. Fiske, s. s.						25	
New Castle	D. Cushman, s. s.						70	
Phipsburg	A. T. Loring						210	
Thomaston, 1st	R.Woodhull			1	1	1	126	2
" 2nd	S. C. Fessenden						57	
Topsham							131	
Union	S. Bowker, s. s.	3			2		59	
Waldoboro'	John Dodge	2		4	4		226	15
Warren	E. F. Cutter						125	
Washington	J G. Merrill						53	
Wiscasset	U. Balkham						159	
Woolwich	—— Garland, s. s.						70	
TWENTY-ONE.	EIGHTEEN.	9	9	17	15	3	2345	45

OXFORD.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Andover	A. Hubbard, ss..	2	2	1	2		40	
Bethel	C. Frost			3			162	
Dixfield				1			32	7
Gilead	H. Richardson...			1			45	
Norway	E. Soule			4			103	
Oxford	Isaac Carlton....		1	1	2	2	59	
Paris	Joseph Walker ..		1	5			153	1
Rumford	E. S Hopkins....						87	8
Shelburne, N. H..	H. Richardson...						8	
Sumner	S. Hackett	1	4	4	1		94	
Turner	Henry Eddy, ss..						70	
ELEVEN.	NINE.	3	8	20	5	2	859	16

PENOBSCOT.

Bangor, First	S. L. Pomroy...	1	5	6	8		362	4
Hammond Street	J. Maltby	2	15	3	9	2	269	12
Bangor, North...							20	1
Bradford	H. White	1					16	
Brewer, First	N. Dole						104	6
" East	J. R. Munsell...	5		1	1		88	5
" Village	E.Pond,DD.ss- -	1					23	3
Burlington			2		2		19	8
Corinna							12	
Dedham		1	1				18	
Dixmont							18	
Glenburn							10	
Hampden	B. Tappan, jr....		1	2		2	96	7
Levant				1	3	1	54	5
Lincoln							14	
Old Town	R. Page, ss				2		21	
Orono				1	2		49	2
Patten & vicinity							20	
Orrington	Prof. Smith, ss...						67	
NINETEEN.	NINE.	11	24	14	27	5	1280	53

PISCATAQUIS.

IES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D't.s.	Dis.	Exc.		
.....	.....						19	
.....	.....			1	2		12	
.....	.....			1			61	
.....	Wm. S. Sewall ..	1	1	3		2	54	5
.....	E.G.Carpenter, ss		3				26	3
.....				1			20	2
t Dover	Wooster Parker.		5	3	6	1	118	
.....	S. S. Drake.....					1	50	5
.....	.....			1			25	
.....	Horatio Ilsley ...			1	1		77	1
?.	.....						20	
.....	.....				3		10	
VE.	FIVE.	1	9	11	12	4	501	16

SOMERSET.*

.....	.....		2				35	
.....	Levi Loring, s. s.						13	
.....	.....	5	2				72	
.....	G. W. Hathaway		2	1	4		105	
.....	.....						7	
.....	.....	1	2				37	
.....	.....						16	
.....	John Perham, s. s.	4	4	1			30	5
.....	.....						70	
ck	Josiah Peet.....			1	4		98	8
n	.....						17	
ith ...	.....			1	3		41	
nge....	.....						18	
.....	Nathan Douglass						52	
EN.	SEVEN.	10	12	4	11		611	13

ers not fully reported.

UNION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Albany	G. T. Tewksbury			1	2	1	76	
Bridgton	Caleb F. Page			4			110	
Bridgton S.	J. P. Fessenden						52	
Bridgton N.	L. W. Harris		2				50	
Brownfield	David Gerry		1		1		40	
Denmark							40	
Fryeburg	Carlton Hurd	7	2	6			225	
Harrison	Cyril Pearl		3				93	
Hiram							15	
Lovell				2			92	
Otisfield	J. P. Richardson	1		3			198	
Sweden							43	
Waterford	John A. Douglass		2	3			225	
THIRTEEN.	NINE.	8	10	19	3	1	1259	

WASHINGTON.

Calais	S. H. Keeler	13	3	3	3		120	6
Robbinston	D. B. Sewall	1	1				70	
Perry	F. Welch, ss						144	
Eastport			6		1		100	
Dennysville	J. H. Stearns				5		73	
Cooper	A. Stowell, ss			1			46	
Machias			1	3			151	
East Machias	T. T. Stone						160	
Machias Port.	G. Bacheller			1			70	
Whitneyville				1	1		45	6
Whiting							21	
Cherryfield	T. Smith, ss		1				14	
Lubec							26	
Pembroke	A. Stowell, ss						34	
Northfield							21	
Jonesboro'		1				1	16	1
SIXTEEN.	EIGHT.	15	12	9	10	1	1081	13

YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit'ns.		Removals.			Total.	Bapts
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Acton	Clement Parker					3	75	
Alfred	John Orr, s. s.			1	3		115	
Biddeford 1st	Wm. Davenport			4	1	4	108	4
" 2nd	Thos. N. Lord						99	5
Buxton	Silas Baker, s. s.	2		2	1	1	90	
Cornish							12	
Elliot							122	
Kennebunk	G. W. Cressey	3	8		3	2	83	
Kennebunkport 1st	S. B. Gilbert, s. s.			2			84	11
" South	J. Baker, s. s.		5	2		2	97	
" Union							6	
Kittery	Reuben Kimball						34	
Lebanon	Joseph Loring			1	4		112	
Limerick	Charles Freeman				5	2	104	
Limington	Franklin Yeaton			2			90	2
Lyman	Wm. Pierce, s. s.			2	2	4	122	
Newfield				1			74	
Parsonsfield							46	
Saco	E. S. Dwight	3	4	5	5		222	
Sanford	J. C. Goss, s. s.			1	1		92	2
Shapleigh	Amasa Loring		1				23	1
South Berwick	B. R. Allen	6			1		120	14
Wells 1st	James R. Cushing,			1	5		263	
" 2nd	Benjamin Howe, ss.			3	3		73	
York 1st	John L. Ashby						116	
" 2nd	Morris Holman, s. s.			1			26	
TWENTY-SIX.	TWENTY-ONE.	15	18	29	34	20	2368	39

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Pastors.	Additions.			Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
			Profession.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismissions.	Excluded.			
Cumberland	33	24	46	67	68	79	24	3879	104
Kennebec	13	9	7	1	6	8	2	813	23
Hancock and Waldo	17	11	21	11	13	25	8	1907	36
Kennebec	15	8	6	16	18	20	2	1652	30
Lincoln	21	18	9	9	17	15	3	2345	45
Oxford	11	9	3	8	20	5	2	859	16
Penobscot	4	4	11	24	14	27	5	1280	53
Piscataquis	12	5	1	9	11	12	4	501	16
Somerset	14	9	10	12	4	11		611	13
Union	17	9		10	19	3	1	1259	
Washington	16	8	12	12	9	10	1	1081	13
York	27	21	14	18	20	34	20	2308	39
Aroostook County	3	3						52	
THIRTEEN.	213	147	172	197	228	240	72	18007	385

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Samuel P. Abbot ..... Farmington,
Miguel Flood ..... Ellsworth,
George W. Bourne, Seamen's Chaplain ..... Portland,
Alden B. Boynton ..... Wiscasset,
John Boynton ..... Wiscasset,
Caleb Bradley ..... Westbrook,
A. C. Cummings, Editor of the Christian Mirror ..... Portland,
J. W. Ellingwood ..... Bath,
Elipha'et Gillett, D. D., Sec'y of Maine Miss'y Society. Hallowell,
Seaver Hacket ..... Farmington,
Thomas Jamesen ..... Gorham,
Enos Merrill ..... Falmouth,
H. A. Merrill ..... Limington,
Alpheus S. Peckard, Prof. ..... Brunswick,
Freeman Parker ..... Wiscasset,
Enoch Pond, D. D., Prof. in Theol. Seminary ..... Bangor,
John Sawyer ..... Garland,
Jotham Sewall, Missionary ..... Chesterville,
George Shepard, Prof. Theol. Seminary ..... Bangor,
Amasa Smith ..... Cumberland,
D. Talbot Smith, Prof. Seminary ..... Bangor,
David Starret ..... Augusta,
Thomas C. Upham, Prof. Bowdoin College ..... Brunswick,
Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D., President Bowdoin College. Brunswick,
Isaac Weston ..... Standish,
James Weston ..... Standish

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN AUGUSTA,

JUNE 23. 1846.

PORTLAND:
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MINUTES.

THE General Conference of Maine assembled at the Congregational Meeting House in Augusta, June 23d, 1846, at 9 o'clock, A. M. The County Conferences were represented as follows:—

YORK.	Rev. Edward S. Dwight, Rev. James R. Cushing, Rev. T. N. Lord, Bro. W. B. Sewall.
CUMBERLAND.	Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, Rev. Caleb Hobart, Rev. John Wilde, Bro. Winthrop Cobb, Bro. Jere. Mitchell, Bro. John Chute.
KENNEBEC.	Rev. Timothy Davis, Rev. David Thurston, Bro. Seth May, Bro. W. Emmons.
SOMERSET.	Rev. Levi Loring, Rev. Nathan Douglass, Dea James Haynes.
PENOBSCOT.	Rev. Benj. Tappan, Jr. Rev. Geo. Shepard, Dea. A. Drummond.
FRANKLIN.	Rev. Isaac Rogers, Rev. Alpha Morton, Dea. Isaac French, Bro. Hiram Belcher.
OXFORD.	Rev. Ansel Hubbard, Rev. Henry Eddy, Bro. Jedediah Burbank, Bro. James Hersey, 3d.
LINCOLN.	Rev. U. Balkam, Rev. R. Woodhull, Rev. Samuel Talbot, Bro. Henry Clark, Dea. Joseph Decker.
WASHINGTON.	Rev. Gilman Bacheller, Rev. D. B. Sewall.
HANCOCK AND WALDO.	Rev. S. H. Hayes, Rev. J. Sewall, Jr. Bro. Benj. Shaw, Bro. Calvin Peck.
PISCATAQUIS.	Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Rev. Horatio Ilsley, Bro. James Hills, Bro. Elisha Johnson.
AROOSTOOK.	Rev. W. T. Savage, Rev. J. G. Merrill.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

S. Thurston, *Moderator*; J. W. Chickering, E. F. Cutter, *Secretaries*: E. G. Parsons, B. Tappan, D. D., E. Thurston, J. W. Peet, J. W. Ellingwood, Nathan Chapman, John Dodge, S. Tenney.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Gen. Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Samuel Nott, Jr.
Gen. Assembly Presbyterian Church, Rev. John Gray, D. D.
Gen. Convention of Vermont, Rev. J. Anderson.
Gen. Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. C. Marsh.

TUESDAY, A. M. The meeting was opened with the usual devotional exercises by the Moderator.

After reading the Constitution and Rules, the Conference proceeded to the election of officers.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON was chosen Moderator.

Rev. J. W. CHICKERING was re-elected Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. Messrs. Benj. Tappan, Jr., Richard Woodhull and Thos. Williams were appointed Committee of Nominations.

The Reports of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies were received.

Ordained ministers present were invited to sit with the Conference as honorary members.

A letter from Rev. J. C. Galloway, of New Brunswick, was read by the Recording Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Rev. J. W. Chickering was re-elected Treasurer, and Dea. W. Storer, Auditor.

The Committee appointed to consider the request of the Aroostook Conference to be received as a member of this body, reported that it is expedient to grant their request; which report was accepted, and the Aroostook Conference was admitted into the General Conference of Maine.

The Conference engaged in public religious services, introduced by singing, and prayer from Rev. Dr. Gray, followed by a sermon, from Rev. Geo. Shepard, on Ps. 119: 126.

P. M. After reading select portions of Scripture by the Moderator, prayer was offered by Rev. Jotham Sewall.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Palmer and Balkam, with prayer from Rev. Mr. Woodhull.

Rev. Dr. Gray, delegate from General Assembly of Presbyterian Churches, next presented a report on the state of religion, within the bounds of said Assembly.

Addresses were made by Rev. Edward F. Cutter, on Peace.

By Rev. Mr. Dodd in behalf of the American Protestant Association.

By Rev. Dr. Welch, in behalf of the American Sabbath School Union.

By Rev. Mr. Adams of Havre, France, } on Seamen.
By Rev. Mr. Bourne of Portland, }

After which Conference adjourned to Wednesday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY EVENING. *The Maine Congregational Charitable Society* held its annual meeting. Introductory services by Rev. E. G. Parsons. Sermon from Psalms 96: 5, by Rev. Geo. E. Adams. Collection $30,38.

Officers. Rev. B. Tappan, D. D. President; Dea. Samuel Adams, Vice President; Rev. C. Freeman, Secretary; Rev. David Thurston, Treasurer.

Trustees. President and Secretary ex-off. Rev. Messrs. Greely, Ellingwood, Gillett, Jones, G. F. Adams, E. Thurston, D. Shepley; Stephen Sewall, Auditor. First Preacher, Rev. E. Pond, D. D. Second Preacher, Rev. W. T. Dwight.

WEDNESDAY, A. M. 5 1-2 o'clock, June 24. A prayer meeting was attended in the vestry. 8 o'clock. Conference met according to adjournment. The session was opened with reading the Scriptures, and prayer by the Moderator.

Voted, To raise a Committee to consider the expediency of opening a correspondence with other Evangelical denominations within the limits of this State, to report at the next annual meeting of this Conference.

Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, W. T. Dwight and J. W. Peet, were appointed said Committee.

Adjourned to give place to the annual meeting of the *Maine Missionary Society*.

The exercises commenced with prayer by Rev. Samuel Nott, Jr.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Chickering, from Romans 1 : 14, 15.

Prayer was offered by the President, Rev. W. T. Dwight. The Report of the Treasurer was accepted and adopted. The Report of the Trustees, prepared by Rev. Dr. Gillett, was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, and on motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Fisk, Father Sewall, Cutter, Samuel Nott, Jr. Delegate from Massachusetts, McClure, and Bourne. Coltion $139,68

Officers. Rev. W. T. Dwight, *President*. Rev. Chas. Freeman, *Vice President*. Rev. E. Gillett, D. D., *Rec. and Cor. Secretary*. W. Storer, Esq. *Treasurer*.

Trustees. President ex-off. Rev. Messrs. E. Gillett, D. D., D. Thurston, B. Tappan, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, J. W. Chickering, Asa Cummings, S. L. Pomroy, E. F. Cutter, and W. Storer and W. Richardson, Esquires.

Auditors. Wm. Swan and Wm. C. Mitchell, Esqs.

Rev. Mr. Shepley was appointed as Committee to tender to Rev. J. W. Chickering the thanks of the Society, for the appropriate sermon delivered this day, and to request a copy for publication.

The subject of asking aid from the Massachusetts Missionary Society, was discussed by Dr. Gillett, Rev. Messrs. Rogers, Savage, Shepley, J. W. Peet, Fisk, Clark, Cutter, Green and others, when the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That in view of the wants of our Missionary field, this Society needs, for the coming year, at least fifteen thousand dollars, and, while we would hope our churches will come up and meet this demand, yet, to prevent embarrassment, the Trustees be authorized, in case of failure on the part of Maine, to make application to the Massachusetts Miss. Society, to supply the deficiency; and we hereby pledge ourselves to use our utmost influence to raise the whole sum within our own churches.

The next annual meeting of the Society, will be held in the High Street Church, Portland, on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1847.

1st Preacher—Rev. CHAS. FROST.

2d Preacher—Rev. CALEB HOBART.

Rev. Messrs. J. W. Chickering, D. Shepley and W. T. Dwight, Committee of Arrangements.

12 M. Conference voted to adjourn till after the exercises of the *Maine Branch of the American Education Society*.

In the absence of the Presiding officers, Rev. Ray Palmer was called to the chair, who opened the meeting with devotional exercises.

The Report of the Directors was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, which on motion of Rev. Mr. Drummond, was accepted and ordered for publication. Addresses followed from Rev. Messrs. Drummond and McClure. Collection $57,72.

The Report of Treasurer was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, and accepted.

Officers. Rev. D Thurston, *President*, Rev E. Pond, D. D., William Richardson, Esq. *Vice Presidents;* Rev Geo. E. Adams, *Secretary;* Prof. Wm. Smyth, *Treasurer*. Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, Ellingwood, B. Tap-

pan, D. D., Cummings, D. Shepley and Palmer, *Directors;* Joseph McKeen, Esq. *Auditor*

4 P. M. Conference resumed its session. Rev. Mr. Tenney, from the Committee appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be published.

[This report never came into the hands of the Clerk; but if it should be recovered, will be given to the churches through another medium.]

After singing, the Rev. Mr. Sawtelle, Secretary of the Foreign Evangelical Society, addressed the Conference in reference to the objects of said Society; and was followed by Rev. Dr. Giustiniani, a native of Rome, and educated a Roman priest, but now a convert to the Protestant faith, who presented the claims of the American Protestant Society.

The Report of the Committee of Nominations was presented by their Chairman, Rev. B. Tappan, Jr. and accepted as follows:—

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Triennial General Assembly, New School.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. E. F. Cutter,	Rev. David Shepley.

Annual General Assembly, Old School.

Rev. R. Woodhull,	Rev. Sewall Tenney,
Dea. J. Page,	Dea. Samuel Dutton.

General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. C. Hurd,	Rev. Isaac Rogers.
" J. C. Goss,	" J. T. Hawes.

General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. S. B. Gilbert,	Rev. W. W. Rand,
Rev. D. M. Mitchell,	Rev. S. C. Fessenden.

General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. J. Walker,	Rev. S. L. Gould,
Rev. J. Loring,	Rev. D. Cushman.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D.	Rev. W. Parker,
Rev. J. O. Fiske,	Rev. S. H. Hayes.

General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. J. Baker,	Rev. C. Soule,
Rev. A. Loring,	Rev. E. G. Carpenter.

General Association, Michigan.

Rev. J. W. Chickering,	Rev. Cyril Pearl.

General Conference of Wisconsin.

Rev. J. Maltby,	Rev. J. W. Ellingwood.

General Association of New York.

Rev. E. Seabury,	Rev. G. W. Creasey.

Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Rev. W. T. Dwight.

Committee to Certify to the Standing of Ministers travelling out of the State.

Rev. A. Cummings,	Rev. W. T. Dwight.
" B. Tappan, D. D.	" E. Gillett, D. D.
" E. Pond, D. D.	" J. Maltby.

Committee to visit Thelogical Seminary, Bangor.

CUMBERLAND,	Rev. G. E. Adams,
FRANKLIN,	" Isaac Rogers,

Hancock and Waldo,	Bro. Benj. Shaw,
Kennebec,	Rev. J. W. Peet,
Lincoln,	Bro. W. M. Rogers,
Oxford,	Rev. Isaac Carlton,
Penobscot,	" N. Dole,
Piscataquis,	" W. Parker,
Somerset,	" G. W. Hathaway,
Union,	" J. P. Fessenden,
Washington,	Bro. Geo. Downes,
York,	Rev. E. S. Dwight,
Aroostook,	" W. T. Savage.

A letter was read by the Moderator from Rev. Dr. Scudder, requesting the acceptance on the part of the Conference, of several little volumes, prepared by him on Missionary subjects.

Adjourned to 7 1-2 o'clock.

Evening. The session was opened by singing, reading the Scriptures by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. Cutting Marsh, delegate from the General Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. Mr. Lane addressed the meeting in behalf of the American Tract Society; and was followed by Rev. David Greene, Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. in behalf of *Foreign Missions*.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, 8 o'clock.

Thursday, 5 1-2 A. M. June 25. Prayer meeting in the vestry.

8 o'clock. Conference met. Meeting opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. Mr. Ellingwood.

Voted, That a Committee be raised to consider the expediency of adopting a regular system in the appointment of delegates, and if they deem it expedient, to report a system at the next annual meeting of the Conference.

Rev. Messrs. Cutter, Freeman and Adams, were appointed said Committee.

A communication from the General Association of Massachusetts, touching the subject of Slavery, was presented by Dr. Tappan, with an accompanying report and resolutions, which were laid on the table for farther consideration.

Adjourned to close of Meeting of Maine Miss. Society.

10 o'clock. Conference met for public services. Prayer was offered by Rev. Sewall Tenney. The Report on the State of Religion, within the bounds of the Conference, was read by Rev. J. W. Chickering, Corresponding Secretary.

Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, reported the state of religion within the limits of their respective States.

Rev. J. Anderson from the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Samuel Nott, from General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Cutting Marsh from General Convention of Wisconsin.

After uniting in singing a portion of the 126th Psalm, the Assembly was addressed by Rev. W. T. Dwight, in reference to the state of religion, as presented in the report of the Corresponding Secretary; and was followed by Rev. Wm. Clark, on the same general topics.

Prayer was offered by Rev. D. Thurston.

The Report and Resolutions, offered in connection with the communication from the General Association of Massachusetts on the subject of Slavery, were taken up and discussed; after which they were accepted and adopted, as follows:—

" *To the General Conference of Maine*:—

Dear Brethren—I am directed to transmit the enclosed to your Body for your consideration.

Yours with Christian affection,

THOMAS SNELL, *Sec. of Gen. Asso. of Mass.*

North Brookfield, March 17, 1846.

"The General Association of Massachusetts, having often and earnestly expressed their abhorrence of Slavery, grieving that the system still exists and is sustained by some Christians and Ecclesiastical Bodies, as authorized by the word of God—do solemnly re-affirm their *faith*, that the word of God is utterly opposed to slavery as it exists in these United States, and that as far as the word of God obtains the ascendency in the heart and conscience of Christians and of the Church, such Christians must and will separate themselves from all responsible connexion with the system; and in the spirit of fraternal fidelity, we would earnestly beseech all Christians connected with the system, in view of their profession, to be living examples of the Gospel, and in the light of God's truth carefully to review their opinions and their practice, and to do their utmost to free the Church of Christ from the pollution of this guilt.

"*Resolved*, That this expression of opinion be entered on the minutes of the General Association, and that the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of it to the several Ecclesiastical Bodies with which we are in correspondence."

The General Conference of Maine, kindly receive the communication from the General Association of Massachusetts, touching the subject of slavery.

As we have heretofore expressed our solemn conviction, that the system of slavery existing in these United States, is "a great sin against God and man, and a most threatening evil, for which our nation ought to humble itself—and that the *North* as well as the South is deeply implicated in the guilt of slavery, and that for its speedy and entire removal every Christian ought to pray and use all suitable means within his reach"—we now re-affirm our abhorrence of the system, as being fraught with immense evil both to the oppressor and the oppressed.

Believing it to be entirely contrary to the word of God, and that "as far as that word obtains an ascendency in the conscience and hearts of Christians, they must and will separate themselves from all responsible connection with the system:" We do affectionately and earnestly entreat all slaveholders, who profess to be disciples of Him who came "to preach deliverance to the captives"—"in view of their profession and in the light of God's word, carefully and seriously to review their opinions and practice relating to this subject, and to do their utmost to free the church from the pollution of this guilt."

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary transmit a copy of this expression to the General Association of Massachusetts, and to each of the Ecclesiastical Bodies, with which we are in correspondence.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

Closing Services.—P. M. 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sweetser of Massachusetts.

Rev. John A. Vinton, Agent of the Society for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Jews, addressed the Conference in behalf the tribes of Isrnel.

Rev. Mr. Adams of Havre, France, made a few remarks in respect to agencies of the American Seamen's Friend Society, within the limits of this Conference.

Singing—133d Psalm, S. M., 3d part.

Sermon by Rev. Nath'l Chapman, from Eph. iv: 1—3.

Administration of Lord's Supper, by Rev. Caleb Hobart and Rev. David Greene.

Parting Address, Rev. Mr. Adams of Havre.

The public services were concluded with singing, and the benediction pronounced, after a resolution, offered by Rev. Mr. Chickering, expressing the thanks of the Conference to the people in this place for their kind hospitality, had been adopted, and responded to by Rev. Dr. Tappan.

The following resolutions were then adopted by the Conference at their closing business session :—

Whereas, all immorality is ungodliness, and the sin of intemperance, with the *immoral traffic* which promotes it, was for a long time a chief cause of defection and discipline in our churches, and a prominent obstacle in the way of the efficacy of the word :

And whereas, we have reason to believe, that a still more thorough Reformation in the community would greatly subserve the interests of true religion as well as of sound morality, therefore

This Conference deem it proper, in their associate capacity, to express their hearty sympathy in all wise and Christian efforts to abolish entirely the sale and use of all intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, That this Conference cordially approve the object of the American Society for ameliorating the condition of the Jews, and recommend it to the patronage of the churches in connection with this body.

Adjourned.

The next annual meeting of the Conference will be attended in the High Street Church, Portland, on Tuesday, preceding the 4th Wednesday of June, 1847, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

EDWARD F. CUTTER,
Recording Secretary.

AUGUSTA, June 25, 1846.

REPORT

ON THE

STATE OF RELIGION.

JUNE 1846.

We are still compelled to greet each other, at our annual assembling, with the inquiry—"Watchman, what of the night?" Doubtless the morning *cometh;* but the night of our spiritual declension has not yet passed away. At our last meeting in this place, ten years since, we were cheered with the announcement of revivals of religion during the year preceding, in twenty-two churches, and a net increase of about three hundred members throughout the Conference. Now we can speak of no more than three or four churches, blessed with any extensive outpouring of the Spirit, while our whole number of members has suffered a diminution of about 190 More than four-fifths of all our churches have not received a single member by profession—and the whole number thus received is only 150. It becomes every year a more important and a more startling question: What shall be the end of these things? Changes for the better or for the worse must be near at hand. Although thus far harmony has prevailed, and outward prosperity existed, in our churches and the religious societies connected with them, yet we are not at liberty to doubt that the usual disastrous effects of spiritual declension and the suspension of converting influences will soon appear. Let us rather indulge the pleasing expectation that the tone of penitence and of hope which pervades the reports, and the spirituality which has been so manifest at the late meetings of the County Conferences are the harbingers of better times near at hand.

Looking, in our annual survey, first toward the East, we see some rays of dawning light. The God of missions seems especially to smile upon mission churches, whether at home or abroad, and to bless the labors of those whose position most resembles that of the first Gospel preachers.

The *Aroostook Conference* is our youngest sister, having come into being since our last meeting. It is emphatically a missionary Conference, embracing 6 churches, with 89 members. One other church will, it is hoped, soon be organized and connected with the Conference. Our brethren thus "banded together to strengthen and enlarge their Christian sympathies and to promote their Christian growth and activity," appeal not only in words but by their position to the older and wealthier sister churches from whom they are so widely separated, for sympathy and aid.

No general revival of religion has been enjoyed among them, though instances of spiritual refreshment have not been wanting. Harmony prevails;

Sabbath schools have flourished, and our brethren rejoice to believe that some encroachments have been made upon the region of darkness around them.

"Our territory," say they, "is large, the work to be done is great; the obstacles are many; our position clothes us with responsibility. We need the energy of prayer and faith, the fervor of zeal and Christian love, and the interposition of almighty power that we may labor and not faint in the service of the Gospel. And while we commend the cause in which we are engaged to Christ, and to the brethren who sympathize with the labors and sufferings of Jesus, we desire that they would strive together in prayer with us, that we may be faithful witnesses for Christ, amidst the errors and sins that prevail around us." Received by profession, 5.

From *Washington Conference* we learn that no revival of religion has occurred within their bounds during the past year, though twenty have been added to the church in Calais as the fruits of a former refreshing. There has been more than the usual effort to supply the feebler churches, and on the part of nearly all such churches, a strong desire to obtain the regular administrations of the Gospel And while the standard of earnest practical piety is low in the churches, and pernicious and insidious errors are incorporating themselves among the sentiments of the people, and the spirit of gain is thrusting out religious thought from the public mind, yet our brethren there find some ground of encouragement in the fact that they feel their dependence on a higher power, and look to Him who alone can carry on his work among them.

Received to the churches in this Conference by profession, thirty-two; net gain in numbers, eighteen.

From the *Hancock and Waldo Conference* no report has been received beyond the statistical tables. The churches in Castine and Prospect have each received a Pastor, while the church in Belfast has been bereaved of theirs, Rev. Mr. Cutler, who died among strangers in the triumphs of faith. Rev. Mr. Breed has been dismissed from the church in Bucksport.

But one member has been added by profession to these 17 churches, and the net loss is 25.

In *Penobscot Conference* we find one of the few oases in our spiritual wilderness—a wilderness at least in the sense of present barrenness as to the fruits of converting and renewing grace. The church at East Brewer is experiencing a sweet season of refreshing. More than twenty hopeful conversions have occurred, many of the subjects being young men. The work has been one of great stillness and power, and is yet progressing.

One pastor has been added to to the number in this Conference, Rev. Thomas Smith, settled over the two churches at Orrington and Brewer Village. The churches in this Conference are outwardly prosperous, and two of them are now erecting houses of worship—Received by profession 17. Net loss, 4.

The *Piscataquis Conference* has shared in the general spiritual declension, though the fulness and spirituality of their late meeting has inspired new hopes.

Only 3 members have been received by profession to these 12 churches, and the whole number is 13 less than last year.

From *Lincoln Conference* we hear of harmony and external prosperity, but also of spiritual dearth. Some bright and shining lights in the churches have been removed by death. Rev. Mr Cutter has been dismissed from the church in Warren.

Added to these 21 churches by profession, 9. Net loss, 39.

In the *Somerset Conference* several changes have occurred. Rev. Mr. Sikes has been dismissed from the church in Mercer, and Rev. Mr. Douglass from that in St. Albans. Rev. Henry Smith who was statedly supplying the church at Bingham has died. The churches in Anson and Norridgewock have been somewhat encouraged by hopeful appearances which resulted in several conversions. Received to the churches in this Conference by professsion, 6. Net loss 15.

From the *Franklin Conference* as from the others in the State, we have a picture of mingled colors—both the dark and the light shades being perhaps more strongly marked than usual. Some of the churches are feeble in the extreme, and well nigh discouraged for want of the aid which it seems very desirable should from some quarter be afforded them ; others are comparatively strong and prosperous. The church in Farmington have enlarged and improved their house of worship; and though suffering in common with others the absence of converting influences, have enjoyed much external prosperity. Of the church in Weld it is said no monthly concert for any object is observed. The state of religious feeling is very low. But little attention is paid to the cause of Temperance. Some members of the church use ardent spirits occasionally as a beverage, as their own feelings may prompt them, without much apparent regard to their influence in so doing.

From the church in Strong, the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Freeman, has been dismissed for want of support.

The feeble church in Fayette, which has for a long time numbered only seven resident members, has this year been greatly blessed by the influences of the Holy Spirit, and the addition of six persons by profession. The Report from this Conference, speaks of flourishing Sabbath Schools, the triumphant progress of temperance in some places, and the continuance of Christian liberality in the churches, notwithstanding religious declension.

Received by profession, 8. Net loss, 15.

The *Kennebec Conference* is reported as one of the feeblest in our number, though situated in the heart of the State. Among its fifteen churches, there are only five pastors and three stated supplies. Most of the others are in a lingering dying state.

This Conference shares with others in the general dearth of special divine influences.

Whole number of members 30 less than last year.

From the *Oxford Conference*, we have, as from most other parts of the State, little of special interest. The church in Dixfield has been deprived, by sudden death, of their stated supply, Rev. Eaton Mason. Rev. Mr. Soule has been dismissed from the church in Norway, and Rev. Charles Packard ordained in his place. This is one of the churches formerly aided by the Maine Missionary Society, which have begun to stand alone, and in turn to assist the tottering footsteps of the weak. The church in Oxford, greatly tried by deaths and removals, has also been comforted by some tokens of God's special presence and converting grace.

Received to the churches in this Conference, by profession, 4. Net loss, 16.

The churches in the *Union Conference*, are in a peaceful and outwardly prosperous state, with some increase of effort and of hope among some of the more feeble, with reference to securing the stated ministry of the gospel. It is believed that there has been an unusually full and extended exhibition of the distinguishing doctrines of the gospel. No extensive revivals of religion, but instances of quickening among a portion of the members of some churches.

Added to these 13 churches by profession, 4. Diminution, 22.

From *Cumberland Conference*, the report varies little from those of late years. The church at Mechanic Falls has received, in proportion to its numbers, an extensive blessing. About twenty souls have been hopefully converted. Most of these were young persons, and connected with families that deeply feel the importance of sustaining the gospel in the place. In Portland, a City Misssion, conducted by Rev. D. M. Mitchell, under the care of the Second, Third and High Street churches, is prosperous and useful. The Abyssinian church has enjoyed some special divine influences, and there is a prospect of greater permanence and strength for the Bethel organization.

The church in Durham, has lost a generous friend, and faithful acting Pastor, in the death of Rev. Israel Newell, who while he lived, labored among them without money and without price; and when he died, he bequeathed to them a valuable parsonage and library.

Rev. A. C. Adams has been dismissed from the church in Gorham, and Rev. Mr. Condit from the Second Church in Portland. Rev. Allen Lincoln has been ordained over the church in Gray, and a new and elegant house of worship has added strength and numbers to the congregation in Brunswick. Received to these churches by profession, 41. Net loss, 24

York Conference. Although the converting influences of the Spirit have been generally withheld from these churches, yet God has not forsaken *them.* They are living in the unity of the spirit—are steadfast in the faith,

and manifest a commendable zeal and liberality in the benevolent operations of the day. The churches in Alfred, Lyman, Newfield and Wells, (2d) have received Pastors. Rev. Mr. Yeaton has been dismissed from the church in Limington. Received by profession, 20. Net loss, 8.

It appears from the various Reports, that an unusual number of outward changes have taken place in the churches and the ministry. More pastors have died, been settled, and been dismissed, than in any former year. Several new churches have been formed, and several houses of worship erected. One new Conference has been added to our number.

The baptisms throughout our bounds, have been unusually few—a fact not to be overlooked by those who believe in the covenant promises of a covenant-keeping God. Whether we regard it as a cause or an effect of spiritual declension, it demands our earnest thought.

Such, brethren and friends, are the facts. And yet they are not *all* the facts. The humble, self-denying toils of those who have been laying foundations under deep waters, where churches will one day stand monuments of divine grace and Christian zeal—the faithful preaching by which the disciples of Christ have been indoctrinated and strengthened with new spiritual life; the painful discipline by which the wood, hay and stubble have been separated from the lively stones, and the churches purified and prepared, like a ship cleared for action, to prosecute the war against sin and Satan; the wrestling of fathers and mothers in secret places with Him, the Angel of the covenant with whom Jacob wrestled, for blessings not even yet bestowed, but as *sure* as the faithful word of God; the wrestling of awakened consciences under the plain preaching of the truth, and the half formed purpose to seek the Lord, a purpose whose accomplishment in many cases death may prevent, but from which, in other cases, pastors will yet hear with joy and thankfulness: These facts are not matters of human record. It is enough that they exist. And what views must we have of the efficacy of God's word, and the sovereignty of His Spirit, if we doubt their existence. They are recorded in a book from whose pages they will never be erased; a book which God may hereafter put into our hands, that we may look over its pages, radiant with the light of His wisdom and His love, and while we look may wonder at our present ignorance and discouragement, and as we talk with the first disciples of Christ may apply to our present case the word which he spake to them in the day of his flesh, "Why are ye fearful, Oh ye of little faith!"

J. W. CHICKERING, *Corresponding Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLES.

*** Totals where not reported—printed same as last year. S. S.—stated supply.

CUMBERLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exclu.		
Auburn,	T. G. Mitchell, ss			1			90	
Baldwin,	J. H. Garman, ss.	1	1				15	
Brunswick,	Geo. E. Adams.	4	2	1			182	3
Cape Elizabeth,	D. M. Mitchell,ss.						57	
Cumberland,	Joseph Blake,			1	4		146	4
Danville,							8	
Durham,	John Elliot, ss.		2	3			50	
Falmouth 1st,	Charles Dame,	1	1	1			137	3
" 2d.	John Wilde,	2	7	1	1		96	9
Freeport,	Eben G. Parsons,			2	3		200	
Gorham,				5	6		172	
Gray,	Allen Lincoln,		5	1	1		49	3
Harpswell,	Elijah Kellogg,						40	
Hebron&WMinot	Elijah Jones, ss.				2		44	
Lewiston Falls,	Jas. Drummond,		1		3	2	79	
Mechanic Falls,	Enos Merrill, ss.	15	3		1		36	8
Minot,	Elijah Jones.		3	1			164	
New Gloucester,	Sam'l H. Shepley,		2	4	9		168	7
N. Yarmouth 1st	David Shepley,			3	1		275	6
" 2d,	Caleb Hobart,		1		3		100	4
Poland,	Thos. Williams,			2		1	61	
Pownal,	Wm. V. Jordan,						168	
Portland 2d,			11	5	11		372	
" 3d,	Wm. T. Dwight,	2	2	1	13	1	251	
" High St.	J. W. Chickering,	7	17	6	12	2	341	8
" Abyssin.	A. N. Freeman,	6		1	3	5	83	7
" Bethel,	G. W. Bourne,	2	2		2	1	28	
Raymond,				2	1		13	
Scarborough,	A. W Fisk, ss.			1			100	1
Standish,	Isaac Weston, ss.		1	1			60	
Westbrook 1st							80	
Westbrook 2d,	Calvin Chapman,	1	4				121	
Windham,	Wm. Warren,	1	1	2	2		64	
THIRTY-THREE.	TWENTY-EIGHT.	42	66	45	78	12	3850	63

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exclu.		
Chesterville,	J. H. Conant,						49	
Farmington,	I. Rogers,	1	3	2	4		126	3
Fayette,		6	2		1		18	
Industry,	John Perham,			2	2		96	
Kingfield,	D. Turner, ss.						10	
New Portland,							21	
New Sharon,	J. T. Hawes,						95	
New Vineyard,	D. Turner,						28	
Phillips,	Sydney Turner,ss.			3			52	
Strong,				1	1		100	
Temple,	Alpha Morton,		1	1	3		91	
Weld,	Stephen Gould, ss.	1		3	1		51	3
Wilton,	Joseph Smith, ss.				5		49	
THIRTEEN.	NINE.	8	6	12	17		786	6

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Amherst & Aurora	M. Blood, ss.						31	
Belfast 1st,			3	2	7		221	
Bluehill,	J. Sewall, Jr						166	5
Brooksville,	M. Ellis, ss.			2			48	
Bucksport,		1		1	4		160	
Camden,	N. Chapman,		7	1			130	2
Castine, Trin. Ch.	Dan'l Sewall,		2	1	1		99	
Deer Isle,	J. Adams,		2	3			203	6
Ellsworth,	S. Tenney,						117	4
Frankfort,	S. H. Hayes,			3			61	
Jackson & Brooks	L. Wiswall,			5	2	1	83	13
Knox & vicinity,							26	
Mt. Desert,	C. Brown, ss.			1			148	1
Prospect 1st,	J. Freeman,			1			50	
Searsport,	S. Thurston,			3	3		236	
Sedgwick,	M. Ellis,						58	
Swanville,							31	
SEVENTEEN.	TWELVE.	1	14	23	17	1	1868	31

KENNEBEC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Totals.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Albion,	F. L. Smith, ss						22	
Augusta North,	N. W. Sheldon, ss.						36	
" South,	B. Tappan, D. D.						198	
Clinton,	Francis L. Smith,						12	
Gardiner,	Josiah W. Peet,						58	
Hallowell,	Eli Thurston,						205	
Litchfield,	Timothy Davis,						49	
Pittston,							43	
Sidney,							14	
Richmond,	W. W. Rand, ss.						12	
Vassalborough,	N. W. Sheldon, ss.						40	
Waterville,							56	
Windsor,							29	
Winslow,							75	
Winthrop,	David Thurston,		1	2	1	2	173	2
FIFTEEN.	EIGHT.		1	2	1	2	1022	2

OXFORD.

Andover,	A. Hubbard, ss.						40	
Bethel,	Chas. Frost,	2		2	1		167	
Dixfield,				1			31	
Gilead,	H Richardson.			1			44	
Norway,	Chas. Packard,			3	1		100	
Oxford,	Isaac Carlton,			1			58	1
Paris South,	Joseph Walker,	1	1	3	5	1	147	3
Rumford,	E. S. Hopkins,						83	
Shelburne, N. H.	H. Richardson,			1			7	
Sumner,	S. Hackett,	1	4	3			96	
Turner,	Henry Eddy, ss.				3		67	2
ELEVEN.	NINE.	4	5	15	10	1	840	6

LINCOLN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exclu.		
Alna,	Sam'l Talbot,						100	
Bath, Winter St.	John O. Fiske,	3		12	13	2	241	8
Bath 3d,	Ray Palmer,		4			1	142	5
Boothbay,	Wm. Tobey, ss.	2		2	5		174	
Bremen,	D. Cushman, ss.			1			16	
Bristol,	Sam'l L. Gould,			3	2		97	
Edgecomb,	Elias Wells,		3		3		128	
Jefferson,		1					10	1
Lisbon,	J. Fiske, ss.						24	
New Castle 1st,	D. Cushman, ss.	1		2			54	
" Damariscotta,	Edwin Seabury,		1	1			96	3
Phipsburg,	Asa T. Loring,						213	5
Thomaston 1st,	Rich'd Woodhull,	1		1	1	1	123	
Thomaston 2d,	S. C. Fessenden,		1			1	55	
Topsham,				1	3		125	
Union,	Sam'l Bowker,		3		2		59	
Waldoboro',	John Dodge,			3	1		222	
Warren,							109	
Washington,		2	1				56	5
Wiscasset,	U. Balkam,						159	
Woolwich,	J. Garland, ss.						60	
TWENTY-ONE.	SEVENTEEN.	10	13	26	30	5	2263	27

PISCATAQUIS.

Abbot,							19	
Atkinson,						1	11	
Blanchard,							64	5
Brownville,	Wm. S. Sewall,	1	2	2	2	1	55	2
Dexter,	E. G. Carpenter,ss		2				30	1
Exeter,	E. G. Carpenter,ss						19	1
Foxcroft & Dover,	W. Parker,		1	1	4		113	
Garland,	S. S. Drake,		2		8		44	4
Milo,			1		1		22	
Monson,	Horatio Ilsley,	2		1	2		75	4
Sangerville,			1				30	2
Sebec,					2		9	
TWELVE.	FIVE.	3	9	4	19	2	491	19

PENOBSCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Bangor 1st,	S. L. Pomroy,	6	9	9	2		366	22
" Hammond St.	John Maltby,		10	7	18	1	253	6
" North,	R.W. Emerson, ss.						20	1
Bradford,	H. White,		3				19	
Brewer 1st,	N. Dole,	8	1	1	2		110	9
" East,	J. R. Munsell,			1	4		83	
" Village,	T. Smith,		1		1		23	
Burlington,							19	
Corinna,							12	
Dedham,			4				22	4
Dixmont,	Isaac Hills, ss.						18	2
Glenburn,							10	
Hampden,	B. Tappan, Jr.	1	3	1	2		97	2
Levant,	S. S. Drake, ss.	2	1			2	55	1
Lincoln,							14	
Oldtown,	Supplied fm Sem.			1			20	
Orono,	John Perry, ss.		3		3		49	4
Patten & vicinity,	[See Aroostook.]							
Orrington,	T. Smith,					1	66	
EIGHTEEN.	ELEVEN.	17	35	20	32	4	1256	51

SOMERSET.

Anson,		3	2	1			39	4
Athens,	Levi Loring, ss.			2			17	
Bingham,	Levi Loring, ss.			1			71	
Bloomfield,	G. W. Hathaway,		2	7		1	97	3
Cornville,							7	
Flagstaff,	Sydney Turner, ss.						37	1
Fairfield,							16	
Madison,	John Perham, ss.		1	1			32	
Mercer,			1	1	4		66	
Norridgewock,	J. Peet,	3		1	3		99	
Skowhegan,	G.W.Hathaway ss						18	
Solon South,	Geo. W. Fargo,						41	
Solon Village,				4			16	
St. Albans,				1			49	2
FOURTEEN.	SIX.	6	6	19	7	1	605	10

UNION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Albany,	G. F. Tewksbury,			1			75	
Bridgton,	C. F. Page,	2		3	3		106	
Bridgton South,	J. P. Fessenden,						54	
Bridgton North,	L. W. Harris,	2		2	1		49	
Brownfield,	David Gerry,			1	1		42	
Denmark,				2			40	
Fryeburg,	Carlton Hurd,		4	4			125	
Harrison,	Cyril Pearl,				1		92	
Hiram,	David Gerry,						15	
Lovell,				1	2		89	
Otisfield,	J. P. Richardson,				3	1	190	
Sweden,				3			42	
Waterford,	John A. Douglass,			2	2		221	
THIRTEEN.	NINE.	4	4	19	13	1	1240	

WASHINGTON.

Calais,	S. H. Keeler,	20	4	1	1		140	
Cherryfield,							14	
Cooper,	A. Stowell, ss.			1			16	
Dennysville,	J. H. Stearns,	10	2				91	
Eastport,	J. Merrill, ss.	1		1	5		93	
Jonesboro',							15	
Lubec,	N. Morse, ss.						26	
Machias,	R. S. Kendall,		1		3		148	
Machias East,							160	
Machias Port,	G. Bacheller,			2			68	
Northfield,							21	
Pembroke,	A. Stowell, ss.						30	
Perry,						1	90	
Robbinston,	D. B. Sewall.	1		2			67	
Whiting,					1		16	
Whitneyville,	G. Bacheller, ss.				3		38	
SIXTEEN.	NINE.	32	7	7	13	1	1033	

YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Bapts.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Exc.		
Acton,							75	
Alfred,	John Orr,		2		2	1	114	
Biddeford 1st,	Wm. Davenport,						108	
Biddeford 2d,	Thos. N. Lord,		11	1	3	2	104	3
Buxton,	S. Merrill, ss.		4	1			93	
Cornish,							12	
Elliot,	John Baker, ss.						122	
Kennebunk,	G. W. Cressey,		4		1		86	
Kennebunkport 1st	S. B. Gilbert, ss.		1		1		84	
" South		1		2	1	1	97	
" Union							6	
Kittery,	Reuben Kimball,			1			33	
Lebanon,	Joseph Loring,			2	3		107	
Limerick,	Chas. Freeman,		1	3	1		101	
Limington,							90	
Lyman,	Wm. Pierce.		2		1	1	123	
Newfield,	Elias Chapman,		4	2	4		72	4
Parsonsfield,				1	2		29	2
Saco,	E. S. Dwight,	1	3	2	2	2	220	9
Sanford,	J. C. Goss, ss.		2	1			93	
Shapleigh,	Amasa Loring,						23	1
South Berwick,	B. R. Allen,	16	2	3	3		132	2
Wells 1st,	J. R. Cushing,	1	2	4			262	
Wells 2d,	Benj. Howe,			6	2	1	66	
York 1st,	John L. Ashby,			6			110	
York 2d,	Morris Holman,	1	1				27	
TWENTY-SIX.	TWENTY-ONE.	20	38	35	26	8	2389	21

AROOSTOOK.

Hodgdon,	J. Eaton, ss.	1					10	1
Houlton,	Wm. T. Savage,		2		1		34	1
Letter D, or Fort Fairfield,	J. G. Merrill, ss.	3	2				10	9
Lincoln,		1					14	
Monticello,	J. Eaton, ss.				2		4	
Patten & vicinity,							17	
SIX.	THREE.	5	4		3		89	11

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
			Profession.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismissions.	Excluded.		
Aroostook,	6	3	5	4		3		89	11
Cumberland,	33	28	42	66	45	78	12	3850	63
Franklin,	13	9	8	6	12	17		786	6
Hancock and Waldo,	17	12	1	14	23	17	1	1868	31
Kennebec,	15	8		1	2	1	2	1022	2
Lincoln,	21	17	10	13	26	30	5	2263	27
Oxford,	11	9	4	5	15	10	1	840	6
Penobscot,	18	11	17	35	20	32	4	1256	51
Piscataquis,	12	5	3	9	4	19	2	491	19
Somerset,	14	6	6	6	19	7	1	605	10
Union,	13	9	4	4	19	13	1	1240	
Washington,	16	9	22	7	7	13	1	1033	
York,	26	21	20	38	35	26	8	2389	21
THIRTEEN.	215	147	152	208	227	266	38	17732	247

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Samuel P. Abbott, - - - - - - Farmington.
Silas Baker, - - - - - - Kennebunk.
Mighill Blood, - - - - - - Ellsworth.
Alden B. Boynton, - - - - - - Wiscasset.
John Boynton, - - - - - - Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley, - - - - - - Gorham.
Asa Cummings, Editor of the Christian Mirror, Portland.
J. W. Ellingwood, - - - - - - Bath.
Noah Emerson, - - - - - - Baldwin.
Eliphalet Gillett, D. D. Sec'y Maine Missionary Society, Hallowell.
Samuel Hopkins, - - - - - - Saco.
Thomas Jameson, - - - - - - Gorham.
Enos Merrill, - - - - - - - Falmouth.
H. A. Merrill, - - - - - - Windham.
Freeman Parker, - - - - - - Wiscasset.
Clement Parker, - - - - - - Sanford.
Enoch Pond, D. D. Prof. in Theological Seminary, - - Bangor.
John Sawyer, - - - - - - Garland.
Jotham Sewall, Missionary, - - - - - Chesterville.
George Shepard, Professor Theological Seminary, - Bangor.
Amasa Smith, - - - - - - Cumberland.
D. Talcot Smith, Prof. Theo. Seminary, - - - Bangor.
David Starrett, - - - - - - Augusta.
Thomas C. Upham, D. D. Prof. Bowdoin College - - Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, Jr. D. D. President Bowdoin College, Brunswick.
Isaac Weston, - - - - - - Standish.
James Weston, - - - - - - Standish.

STANDING RULES.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution; or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of Committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall then be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement or commitment.

9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference a brief account of the meetings of the religious societies, which hold their anniversaries in connexion with the Conference.

10. A publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

ART. II. The general Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen:—and four delegates from each County Conference, which has less than twenty churches, two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers and delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the time for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. XI. The annual meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the scriptures and prayer.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN PORTLAND,

JUNE 22, 1847.

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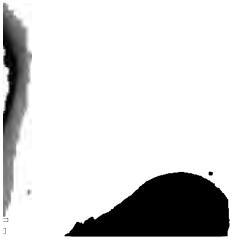

MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine assembled at the High St. Church in Portland, June 22, 1847, at 9 o'clock, A. M. The County Conferences were represented as follows:—

York.	Rev. R. Kimball, Rev. John Orr, Rev. Benj. How, Dea. Emery.
Cumberland.	Rev. James Drummond, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Rev. Joseph Blake, Dea. T. B. Little, Bro. P. E. Merrill, Bro. Jacob Chase.
Kennebec.	Rev. B. Tappan, Rev. J. W. Peet.
Somerset.	Rev. John Perham, Dea. W W Dinsmore.
Penobscot.	Rev. S. L. Pomroy, Rev. Thomas Smith, Dea. Alex. Drummond, Dea. Daniel Sargent.
Franklin.	Rev. Joseph Smith, Dea. James Scales.
Union.	Rev. Carlton Hurd, Rev. J. P. Richardson, Dea. A. Cummings, Dea. E. Carlton.
Oxford.	Rev. Charles Packard, Rev. Allen Greely.
Lincoln.	Rev. Wm. Tobey, Rev. J. Garland, Rev. S. Bowker, Bro. Eben Perkins, Dea. G. Hyde.
Washington.	Not represented.
Hancock and Waldo.	Rev. L. Wiswall, Rev. M. Ellis, Bro. Benj. D. Gay.
Piscataquis.	Rev. Henry White, Rev. S. S. Drake, Dea. John How, Bro. Simon Foss.
Aroostook.	Rev. J. Eaton, Rev. A. J. Copeland. Bro D. N. Rogers.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. S. Thurston, *Moderator;* J. W. Chickering, E. F. Cutter, *Sec'ys:* Wm. Warren, B. Tappan, D. D., J. O. Fiske, A. Cummings, D. Shepley, G. E. Adams, C. Freeman, N. Dole, I. Rogers, D. Thurston, E. Pond, D. D. J. W. Ellingwood.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Annual Gen. Assembly Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas B. Bradford.

General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. Thomas P. Richmond.

General Convention of Vermont, Rev. T. Kidder.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. D. O. Morton.

Evangelical Consociation, R. I., Rev. Thomas Shepard.

General Association of Connecticut, Rev. W. W. Woodworth, Rev. J. Allen.

TUESDAY, A. M. Conference opened with devotional exercises by the Moderator.

Edward F. Cutter was re-elected Secretary, and Rev Asa Cummings appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Arrangements.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies reported.

A letter from Congregational Association of Iowa, expressing a wish to be received into correspondence with the General Conference, was read by the Corresponding Secretary. The subject was referred to a select Committee, Rev. Messrs. Ellingwood, Wiswall and Perham.

Ordained ministers present were invited to sit as honorary members.

Rev. Messrs Pomroy, Woodhull and Ellis were appointed Committee of Nominations.

Rev. D. Thurston, from the Committee to consider the propriety of opening a correspondence with other ecclesiastical bodies within the State, presented a report; which was recommitted to the same Committee, the Rev. Dr. Tappan being elected to fill the vacancy arising from the absence of Dr. Dwight.

10 1-2 A. M. Public service introduced by singing 365th hymn, Church Psalmody. Prayer by Rev. Thomas B. Bradford, Delegate from General Assembly of Presbyterian Church. Sermon by Rev. U. Balkam, from Hos. xii. 3, 4.

After discussion, the subject of "Congregationalism" was recommitted to the Committee appointed in 1844, at Bath, (Rev. E. Pond, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood and C. Freeman,) to report at the next annual meeting.

P. M. Session opened with reading from the Scriptures, by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hobart of Vermont.

The Conference enjoyed a season of devotional exercises, introduced by remarks from Dr. Pond, who was followed by other brethren in exhortation and prayer. Rev. Mr. Haines, Agent of American Tract Society, addressed the meeting in behalf of said Society.

Rev. Mr. Pomroy presented the claims of Seamen.

Prayer, by Father Sewall.

Addresses by Rev. Mr. Wolcott, Agent of American Bible Society, D. Thurston, W. W. Woodworth, and J. Allen, Delegates from General Association of Connecticut.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

Rev D. Thurston, from Committee on Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies within the State, presented the Report, as amended, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

"*The* Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Conference, "*to* consider the expediency of opening a correspondence with other

evangelical denominations within the limits of the State, and to report," ask leave to submit the following:

One of their number brought the subject before Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at their session, the week following the meeting of our General Conference. That Body appointed a committee to consider and report on the subject at their next meeting. Your Committee have conferred with individuals of that committee, and with some prominent and influential men in the other evangelical denominations, who thought favorably of the proposed measure; and agreed to bring the subject before the respective denominations with which they were connected.

Your Committee regret the absence of one of their number, and that they have not a more definite expression of his opinion touching this proposed fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies.

In contemplating this subject, your Committee have been impressed by the consideration of the prominence which the great Head of the church gave to *union* among his followers. He imperatively enjoined it; He fervently prayed for it; He impressively urged it by the consideration of his love to them in laying down his life for them. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you." Jn. xiii. 34. Apostles were inspired to repeat and enforce this affectionate regard. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I. Jn. iv. 9—11. With what weight the subject of their intimate union lay upon his heart, we learn from the petitions in his longest recorded prayer. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." Jn xvii. 20, 21. This love which includes all its appropriate manifestations, was to be not only the bond of their union, but the badge of their distinction. By this they were to convince the world, that they were disciples of Christ. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." In this way they were to be known as the disciples of the "Prince of Peace," that they had that "love which worketh no ill to his neighbor." Joined thus together in one brotherhood, they were to give evidence to the world to believe that the Father sent his Son to redeem and save men.

No one thing has probably done more to prejudice the world against the religion of the Bible, than the division of Christians into rival sects. No means could the church employ, more likely to be successful in winning men to Christ, than by exhibiting that "love which is the fulfilling of the law." It was when the disciples walked in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, that they were multiplied. They were then united. "They had fellowship one with another, and with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ." I. John i 3.

In looking around us, we find several ecclesiastical bodies, who hold the Head, who believe in the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, both theirs and ours, in the agency of the divine Spirit in the renewal of men unto holiness, and in the doctrine of justification by faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ. Their fruits give evidence that they are disciples of Christ. The direction to all such is, "Receive ye one another, as Christ received us, to the glory of God." Rom. xv. 7. Separated by certain peculiar forms of expression, perhaps, more than by any real contrariety of opinions, as long as they stand aloof from each other and have little or no Christian intercourse, they will not know much of each other, and can have little sympathy with each other. They will be likely to labor more to promote the interests of the particular party to which they happen to belong,

than the great and momentous interests of truth and righteousness, in which all ought to feel a common interest. Whatever, therefore, tends to allay the sectarian spirit and to promote enlarged views and efforts in extending that kingdom, which does not consist in organizations, in forms and ceremonies, "but in righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost," is to be encouraged and pursued.

Believing, that a fraternal correspondence by an interchange of delegates with the other evangelical denominations in the State, would have a happy influence in extending acquaintance, in strengthening the bond of Christian brotherhood, and thus by concentrating Christian influence, the moral power of these bodies to operate advantageously on the world, would be much increased, we are prepared to recommend the measure. We are confident, that to behold all the evangelical denominations in the State represented in each other's general meetings; sitting and consulting together, solemnly deliberating, devising and adopting measures, not to promote any sectarian or party interest, but the great, the eternal interests of the kingdom of Christ, involving the declarative glory of God, and the everlasting holiness and happiness of fallen men, would be a sight upon which the spirits of the just made perfect in heaven, holy angels, and the adorable Head of the church, would look with decided approbation.

Your Committee having consulted the Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, and influential individuals of the Baptists and Free-Will Baptists, and they having expressed a disposition to favor the proposed correspondence, therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference appoint delegates to represent them in the general meetings of the denominations of the Baptists, Methodists, and Free-Will Baptists; and respectfully request them to appoint delegates to us for the same purpose.

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Congregational Association of Iowa, reported, that, having examined the articles of faith and constitution of said Association, they would recommend the General Conference of Maine to accede to the request from Iowa, and open a correspondence with the Association. This report was adopted.

Voted, That in case any delegate to Corresponding Bodies be unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body, for which he was appointed.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock.

Tuesday Evening. The *Maine Charitable Congregational Society*, held its annual meeting.

Introductory services, by Rev. D. Thurston. Sermon by Dr. Pond from John 5: 42. Collection $100 58.

Officers. Rev. Dr. Tappan, *Pres:* Dea. Samuel Adams, *Vice President*. Rev. C. Freeman, *Sec'y*. Rev D. Thurston, *Treasurer*.

Trustees. President and Secretary, ex-off. Rev. Messrs. Allen Greely, J. W. Ellingwood, Dr. Gillett, E. Jones, Geo. E. Adams, E. Thurston, and D. Shepley; Stephen Sewall, *Auditor*.

First Preacher, Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D. Second Preacher, Rev. B. B. Allen.

Wednesday, 8 o'clock A. M. Conference met according to adjournment. Reading from the Scriptures by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. P. Richardson.

The Committee of Arrangements presented certain memorials from members of churches in Union and Hallowell, in respect to the subject of *Slavery*, and praying that this Conference would discontinue its correspondence with "religious bodies, composed in part of slaveholders," which

were referred to a select committee, composed of Messrs. Tappan, W. Warren, L. Wiswall, T. Davis, S. L. Pomroy.

The Committee on the appointment of delegates, presented a report which was recommitted to Rev. C. Freeman, for farther consideration.

Adjourned, to give place to the annual meeting of the *Maine Missionary Society.*

In the absence of the President, Rev. Dr. Dwight, Rev. Chas Freeman took the chair, and introduced the exercises with reading from the Scriptures and prayer.

Sermon by Rev Charles Frost, from 2d Cor. 5 : 15.

Woodbury Storer, Esq. Treasurer, presented his annual report, which was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Gillett, was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, which, on motion of Rev. R. Woodhull, seconded by Rev. J. W. Peet, was accepted, and ordered to be printed for general circulation.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Woodhull, Peet and E. N. Kirk, delegate from the American Home Missionary Society, who offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the present peculiar circumstances of our country, call for renewed faith in God, renewed consecration to his service, and an enlargement of our Home Missionary operations.

Interesting remarks in relation to the early history of the Society were subsequently offered by its first missionary, the venerable Father Sewall.

Collection $177.

Officers. Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., *Pres;* Rev. Chas. Freeman, *Vice Pres;* Rev. Dr. Gillett, *Rec. and Cor. Sec'y;* W. Storer, Esq., *Treas.*

Auditors. Wm. Swan and W. C. Mitchell, Esqs.

Rev Mr. Jones wss appointed a Committeee to tender the thanks of the Society, to Rev. Mr. Frost, for the sermon this day delivered, and to request a copy for publication.

The next annual meeting of the Society, will be held in Hammond St. Church, Bangor, on the 4th Wednesday of June, 1848.

First Preacher, Rev. Caleb Hobart—Second Preacher, Rev. E. Thurston.

P. M. The Maine Branch of the American Education Society held its annual meeting.

Prayer by the President.

The Report of the Directors was read, by Rev. George E. Adams, Sec., which, on motion of Rev. S. H. Riddel, Sec. of the Am. Ed. Society, seconded by Rev. Mr. Clement, was accepted.

Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Riddel, Clement, Woodworth of Conn. and Dr. Pond.

Collection, $49 15.

Officers. Rev. D. Thurston, *President;* Rev. E. Pond, D. D. *Vice President;* Rev. G. E. Adams, *Secretary;* Prof. Smyth, *Treasurer.*

Directors. Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, Ellingwood, Dr. Tappan, Cummings, D. Shepley, and Palmer.

Joseph McKeen, *Auditor.*

4 1-4 P. M. Conference resumed its session.

Address by Rev. Mr. Wood, Agent of American Sunday School Union.

A season of conference and prayer followed, in which Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, D. O. Morton of N. H., Carruthers, Sen. and J. O. Fiske took part.

Adjourned to 7 1-2 o'clock, evening.

Evening Session. Reading the Scriptures by the Moderator. Prayer, by Rev. J. F. Stearns, of Mass.

Address on Foreign Missions, by Rev. Mr. Clement, followed by remarks from Rev. Mr. Pomroy on the same subject, especially in respect to the missions on Mount Lebanon, visited by him during the last year.

Address by Rev. Mr. Dumont, of R. I. Delegate of the Foreign Evangelical Society.

Closing remarks by Rev. Mr. Allen, of Connecticut.

THURSDAY, A. M. 8 o'clock. Reading from the Scriptures. Prayer, by Rev. D. Sewall.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

1st Preacher, Rev. WOOSTER PARKER,
2d Preacher, Rev. RICHARD WOODHULL.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

General Association of N. Hampshire.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. C. Hurd,	Rev. I. Rogers,
Rev. J. C. Goss,	Rev. J. T. Hawes.

General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. D. Cushman,	Rev. William Davenport,
Rev. Stephen Thurston,	Rev. S. W. Peet.

General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. D. M. Mitchell,	Rev. W. W. Rand,
Rev. E. G. Parsons,	Rev. S. C. Fessenden.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. S. H. Hayes,	Rev. Eli Thurston,
Dea. B. Blodgett,	Bro. Williams Emmons.

General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Richard Woodhull,	Rev. E. Carpenter,
Rev. C. Soule,	Rev. N. Dole.

General Association of New York.

Rev. G. W. Cressey,	Rev. U. Balkham,

General Association, Michigan.

Rev. J. W. Chickering,	Rev. Cyril Pearl.

General Conference of Wisconsin.

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,	Rev. John Maltby.

Congregational Association of Iowa.

Rev. J W. Ellingwood.

Annual General Assembly, (Old School.)

Rev. S. Tenney,	Rev. A. T. Loring,
Dea. S. Dutton,	Dea. G. Hyde.

Triennial General Assembly, (New School.)

Rev. E. F. Cutter,	Rev. D. Shepley.

Maine Methodist Conference.

Rev. Charles Freeman,	Rev. William Warren.

Maine Baptist Convention.

Rev. Dr. Tappan,	Rev. John Perham.

Free-Will Baptist Conference.

Rev. David Thurston,	Rev. Thomas N. Lord.

Publishing Committee.

Rev. Asa Cummings, Rev. John W. Chickering, Rev. E. F. Cutter.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary, at Bangor.

CUMBERLAND,	Rev. Jas. Drummond,
FRANKLIN,	" Wm. Davenport,
HANCOCK & WALDO,	Bro. Benj. D. Gay,
KENNEBEC,	" Carlton Dole,
OXFORD,	Rev. Charles Frost,
LINCOLN,	Bro. Wilmot Wood,
PISCATAQUIS,	Rev. E. G. Carpenter,
PENOBSCOT,	Dea. Alex. Drummond,
SOMERSET,	Bro. John S. Abbott,
UNION,	Rev. J. P. Richardson,
WASHINGTON,	" R. S. Kendall,
YORK,	" G. W. Cressey,
AROOSTOOK,	" J. G. Merrill,

This Report was accepted, and the nominations adopted.

PUBLIC SERVICES, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kidder, Vermont. Address by Mr. Dodd, Agent of the American Protestant Association.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

The report of the Committee appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, was presented by Rev. I. Rogers.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed at the last General Conference to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor, attended, by a very few of their number, to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to report:—

That from the truly courteous and Christian manner in which they were received and entertained by both the Faculty and the Trustees of that institution of sacred learning, they were led to infer that it would have been exceedingly gratifying to them, and very helpful to your Committee, had more of their number been together at the time. It tends powerfully to cheer the hearts of both instructors and students, and also binds with stronger cords the union that should ever subsist between the churches and this our Seminary, to have them as fully and ably represented at each of its anniversaries as is possible. Great efforts, therefore, and sacrifices even should be made on the part of all who are thus designated, to execute their honorable and responsible trust in a faithful manner.

The class which completed its course of study last August, was the largest that has ever graduated at the institution. It once consisted of 22. Some of its members, however, having had calls to the Western and Middle States of rather an urgent nature, deemed it their duty to enter upon their field of labor before the regular term of their studies had expired. In coming to this decision, they had the full concurrence of their Instructors; and were therefore admitted to the same diplomas with the rest of the class. But this was much to be regretted, and the more so, as they were among the most promising and talented in a class of so much ability and enterprise, as to have all easily found useful stations in the vineyard of their Divine Master, in this and other states of the Union. 12 of these are now laboring in Maine, 3 as settled pastors, and 9 as stated supplies or missionaries. Five have gone to the Western States. As a general thing, your committee are of the decided opinion, that the three years course of study which is here prescribed, is little enough for any who at this day would enter upon the Ministerial office and work; and that while "marriage is honorable in all," yet all such connexions should be deferred until either a settlement is made in the pastoral office, or the prospect tolerably good that such a connexion can be sustained with advantage to the cause of Christ, as well as to the parties immediately concerned.

These members of this class who were present at the Anniversary, sustained a thorough examination well. They did to themselves and their teachers no small honor, not only in the several branches of study which were reviewed, but also in the exercises of public speaking on Monday evening and Wednesday. Full liberty was given to the committee and others present to propose any questions. Nor did this liberty, of which every needed advantage was taken, appear to disconcert or embarrass them in the least; but they were evidently ready and armed at all those points which are thought to be the most vulnerable in the System of Theology which is there so ably and effectively taught. It was pleasant also to perceive the freedom of discussion allowed between teachers and pupils, whether of the old or new school, so long as the ancient landmarks of Orthodoxy were not displaced.

The other classes also appeared to have been very carefully and faithfully taught, and to have made good proficiency. It were to be wished, however, that more of our Theological Students were not so poor, or that more aid in some way might be afforded, so that they might not be brought to the painful necessity of teaching schools or doing any other business in term time. They must sustain a very great loss themselves, and the appearance of the class, as a whole, is not near as good, on examination and anniversary occasions, as it would otherwise be. Bad habits likewise are thus contracted, which, being lasting as life, reflect great injury on the church and world.

The Library of the Seminary has been removed to a new building, prepared for it, and other purposes, back of the College, and appears to much greater advantage than formerly, besides having more room to grow. Several portraits of distinguished men adorn its halls. Among them is one of Rev. Jotham Sewall, the "Apostle of Maine." In it are about 7000 volumes. These have been selected with great care, and are well adapted to the subjects in view. The increase to it has been from 75 to 100 dollars annually; and it is the desire and aim of the Teachers and friends of the Seminary thus to increase it in time to come. Indeed, they would be glad to have much more than this done for it. Nor need their desires in this regard remain ungratified, if the Sewing Circles and other Associations of ladies in most of our towns and societies should raise from 25 to 30 dollars each, towards the accomplishment of so good an object. This has been done already in some places in a way much easier than was at first apprehended, and this too without the withdrawal of funds from any other important objects of Christian charity. And now in these places there will always be an interest more or less deep and lasting in the young men that shall enter the Ministry from that Seminary, as they shall hereafter hear their preaching, from the very fact that they have contributed their mite towards increasing their intellectual furniture; and thus also towards securing these ABLE if not FAITHFUL MINISTERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

The property of the Institution is as follows:—

Notes, on good security,	7,200 00
Bank stock,	1,200 00
Real estate disposable,	13,350 00
Notes, not very available,	62,678 00
Real estate and personal property not disposable,	32,940 00
Shares in Worcester bank,	1,700 00
Notes well secured by mortgage,	15,016 68
Leaving a little short of 40,000 dollars available.*	$134,084 68

*If now the sum of 95,618 dollars, or what is not available, be taken from this, it will leave but 38,466 dollars at the present disposal of the Institution, and much of this could not at present be disposed of without a hurtful if not a ruinous sacrifice.

The professorship of Sacred Rhetoric has been endowed. But this is the only one that has been thus permanently provided for. Consequently the others should be with the least possible delay. For it cannot rationally be expected that the very valuable services of the present able and excellent Professors of Christian Theology and Biblical Literature can be retained where they are, at this day of such constant demand elsewhere, where compensation far more ample and seasonable awaits their acceptance of the pressing calls already made upon them.

Not long since a gentleman dying in the city of Boston left in his will one hundred thousand dollars to the Theological School at Cambridge. Shall not a similar spirit of liberality be possessed and manifested by those who with equal ability as to pecuniary resources, have, as they believe, a "better faith," a more effective gospel that they wish to be promulgated through all coming time in the State, land and world.

This Seminary also needs pecuniary aid in other ways. Its incidental expenses are about $4,500 annually, while its liabilities are about $14,000. Let, then, liberal things be devised for it, and by such liberal things thus devised and executed, may it and these stand. Your Committee are thoroughly satisfied that the prosperity of this Institution is indispensable to the vigorous promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom in this State, if not in other parts of the land and world. Our churches, both the weak and the strong, and our new and rapidly increasing settlements, especially in the North Easterly parts of the State, urgently demand, that instead of being suffered to languish for want of requisite funds, it should be regularly sustained by our sympathies, our property, and our prayers.

ISAAC ROGERS, *Chairman of the Committee.*

Portland, June 22, 1847.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. W. Chickering, on the state of religion within the bounds of the Conference was next presented.

Reports of Delegates from Congregational Bodies:

Rev. T. Kidder, from the Gen. Convention, Vermont,
" D. O. Morton, " " Gen. Association of N. Hampshire,
" T. P. Richmond, " " " " of Massachusetts,
" J. Allen, " " " " of Connecticut,
" Thos Shepard, " " Evangelical Consociation, R. Island,
" T. B. Bradford, " " An. Gen. Ass'y Presbyt. Churches.

Closing Addresses to the impenitent by Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Kirk.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Adams, of Gorham.

P. M. CLOSING SESSION. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Ellingwood.

Sermon by E. F. Cutter, from Acts ix. 6.

Collection, $54 07, besides $15 for three specified objects.

Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Thos. Shepard of R. I., and Rev. Dr. Carruthers.

The following rseolution, offered by Mr. Pomroy, with brief, appropriate remarks, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be presented to the choir, who have favored us with their very acceptable services on this occasion; also to the families of this church and congregation, and to the other families of different denominations in this city, whose generous hospitality we have enjoyed. May the blessing of God, the giver of all good, rest upon them all!

A brief and touching response was made by Rev. J. W. Chickering, pastor of the church; and the meeting closed.

The season throughout was marked with deep interest. Each day commenced with prayer-meetings at 5 1-2 A. M.; and a deep devotional feeling marked all the sessions.

The next meeting of the General Conference will be held in the Hammond-street Church, Bangor, on Tuesday preceding the 4th Wednesday of June, 1848, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

First Preacher — Rev. Wooster Parker;
Second Preacher — Rev. Richard Woodhull.
Com. of Arrangements — Rev. J. Maltby, N. Dole, B Tappan, Jr.

EDWARD F. CUTTER,
Recording Secretary.

PORTLAND, June 24, 1847.

N. B. At the annual meeting in 1845, the Conference voted — That the printed Minutes of the Conference be the certificate to Members, of their appointment as Delegates to Corresponding Bodies. The Delegates will please govern themselves accordingly. E. F. C.

REPORT

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

JUNE 1846.

BRETHREN, the spiritual tide has turned. Not yet has its rising flood penetrated every sinuosity of the shore, and filled every inlet from which the waters have ebbed. But it has turned. And unless our ingratitude and unbelief shall make it seem good unto the Holy Ghost to restrain that influence by which the downward course of things among us has been changed, the extensive shores of our Zion will soon be purified and beautified with the full sea covering all their unsightliness, and removing all the offensive accumulations of the long continued ebb.

Our statistical reports, however, are no more favorable. Many churches and most of the Conferences have suffered a diminution of members, and the whole number of members has been more reduced during the past year than the preceding. The loss has probably not fallen short of 180.

Nor can we speak of a great number of revivals, like those the report of which has made some pages of our history luminous, and filled our hearts on these occasions with joy and praise.

Not even *one* extensive work of grace can we record. And yet many churches have rejoiced over a few subjects of converting and covenant grace, and many others have begun to mourn over their declensions, and are humbling themselves, to prepare for being exalted in due time.

The late meetings of the County Conferences are also "signs of the times," in which may be discerned some evidence, or at least some reason to *hope* that the crisis is past—that the darkest time has come, and the day begun to dawn.

Shall it not be said that the present meeting, so tender, so spiritual, so full of true affection, so prayerful, so filled with a sense of dependence on the almighty and sovereign grace of God, is a *hopeful* meeting? Has it not seemed, dear brethren, that while we were yet speaking, the Lord hath heard us?

"Let us hear what God the Lord thus speaks: For he will speak peace unto His people and His saints; but let them not turn again to folly."

It is true now, as at some former time, that the twilight is brightest in the East. The feeblest in the sisterhood of Conferences is made strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. In the coldest region of our State it is soonest summer, or at least a spring-time that gives promise of a rich spiritual harvest to come.

The *Aroostook* Conference embraces seven Churches, one more than last year, and 118 members, being an increase of 29 above the previous year. The church added is a newly organized one at Salmon Brook, a settlement on the Aroostook river, 12 miles above the mouth of Presque Isle.

These churches, during the past year, have been blest with general prosperity. Those located on the tributaries of the river St. John have been straitened in pecuniary affairs from their commercial connexion with the depressed timber market of England, and with the famine that now afflicts Britain and other European countries. While those churches situated on the Penobscot waters share in the business prosperity, that now exists in our own country. Our position makes us, in some degree, subject to prosperity or calamity existing on either side of the globe. But however it may be with the business of either hemisphere, our feebleness at present is such, that if the arm of the Maine Missionary Society shall be weakened, or shall not be stretched out still, our condition must become dark indeed. We are weak and dependent, "the least among the princes of Judah," yet through the aid of that noble institution, we may accomplish a work for God, that shall ultimately prove a blessing scarcely greater to us than to the whole people of Israel.

The spiritual condition of the churches is in general encouraging. Harmony among members and the love of the gospel are reported as prevailing among them all. The preaching of the truth is appreciated, and the ministers of Christ are highly esteemed in love for their work's sake. Sunday schools generally exist and are well attended. Revivals of religion are reported in two places. In township No. 4, of the 5th range, in the vicinity of Patten, an unusual degree of religious interest exists at the present time. Three heads of families have recently embraced the Christian's hope, while the truth exerts an unwonted power over the whole settlement. Mention is made also of a deeply interesting revival of religion in Houlton, under the influence of which that strong hold of irreligion has been shaken. Some forty in the different congregations give evidence of having believed to the saving of their souls. The

good work is understood to be still in progress. As the first fruits of the revival six united with the congregational church there, on the second Sunday of the present month. A seventh was unable to take the step as she desired, from illness and the prospect of a speedy transfer to the church triumphant in heaven.

The meetings of the Conference have been of increasing in terest from the time of its first establishment, winter before last. Its power is beginning to be felt upon the churches, and we doubt not it is destined to act with greatly increased efficiency in promoting the piety and giving heart and enterprise to the scattered churches of this region.

Washington Conference. No Report.

Hancock and Waldo Conference. During the year embraced in this report, Rev. Edward F. Cutter has been installed over the First Church in Belfast, from which the much lamented Cutler was removed by death a few months previous. The heavy draft on that church by dismission, was to form the North Church in Belfast, which was organized the 24th of September last.

Two churches only, (those of Castine and Frankfort,) report a few conversions each. The others have been in this respect, like the mountains of Gilboa, on which neither dew nor rain descended. Not enough have been brought into the churches, both by profession and letter, to supply even the wastes of death. There are those, it is believed, who mourn over the desolations of Zion, and from whom fervent prayers arise to him, who in fulfilment of his promises, will not fail, sooner or later, to bestow a blessing.

Additions, by profession, 7 ; by letter 18 ; dismissions, 44 ; exclusions, 5 ; baptisms, 59. Total 1821, being twenty less than last year.

Penobscot Conference. Two new houses of worship have been built the past year, and one new church formed—the 3d church in Bangor. Sabbath Schools unusually flourishing. In Dedham some special influences of the Holy Spirit have been enjoyed, and 8 or 10 souls hopefully born again ; cases of conversion have occurred in several other places.

The history of this Conference is instructive and encouraging in relation to the great duty of church-extension. Sixteen years ago it consisted of 16 churches ; since that time, 16 churches have gone out from this to other Conferences, and 16 is the present number that remain,—with 1193 members instead of 843 which it then contained. "There is that scattereth and

yet increaseth." Within the past year, one who was better entitled to the name and honor of "Spiritual Father" of this Conference, than any other man living or dead, has completed his mission on earth, and gone to make his report in the court of heaven. Rev. Thomas Williams, who died in Poland, last November, was the elder of the only two ministers who assisted in organizing this Conference. He was the first Moderator of the Conference, and continued to be moderator for quite a number of years after its organization. He labored and prayed indefatigably to promote the interest of this Conference and the cause of Christ, and continued so to do with untiring zeal until the providence of God called him to labor in another part of the State. In his person and work he carried the appearance, exerted the influence, and left behind him the impression, deeply engraved upon many, *many* hearts in this County, as well as elsewhere, of *a man of God*. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Added by profession, 32; by letter, 26; deaths, 27; dismissed, 56; excluded, 2; whole number, 1224—from 20 to 30 less than last year.

Piscataquis Conference. The annual meeting of this Conference, was one of deep interest. The feeling seemed to be, that things must not remain as they have for so long time among us. The churches are united and at peace among themselves. But the grand difficulty is, that they are too much united in remaining at such a distance from God and from duty.

We are a feeble band at best—among the least of the tribes of Israel, and not deserving a place among God's hosts.

Additions by profession, 1: letter, 12; deaths, 6; dismissions, 18; exclusions, 5. Total 480—loss, 16.

From *Lincoln* Conference no report has been received. No material change is known to have occurred during the year.

According to the imperfect statistics furnished there have been 3 added by profession; 23 by letter; 18 deaths; 17 dismissions; 2 exclusions. Whole number 2219, being eleven less than last year.

Somerset Conference. No Report. Number about the same as last year.

Franklin Conference. In our churches generally prevails a good degree of harmony. But few cases of discipline have occurred during the past year, perhaps not quite as many as the causes which make this duty necessary.

But 2 cases of hopeful conversion have come to our knowledge.

During the latter part of winter and the spring, there were some indications, in a few of our churches, of a better state of things.

Christians appeared to have an increasing sense of their obligations to God, and manifested a strong desire for the conversion of sinners, and the prosperity of their Redeemer's kingdom.

On the whole, we cannot but believe that the state of religion in our churches has been gradually improving during the last six months.

But as yet we have not fully returned unto the Lord, and He has not, by the special ministrations of his grace, returned unto us.

Our Sabbath schools are in a state of prosperity and promise much good.

Additions, by profession, 2; letter, 15; deaths, 21; dismissions, 13; baptisms, 10. Total, 765—loss, 17.

Kennebec Conference. See Tables.

In the *Oxford Conference* no revival has occurred, though the revival spirit is thought to be increasing in the churches. Harmony exists, and a Christian beneficence is in some churches on the increase.

The need of a deeper tone of piety is generally felt, and the late interesting meeting of the Conference encourages the hope that the hearts of God's people are preparing for a rich blessing.

Additions by profession, 9; by letter, 14; deaths, 10; dismissed, 13; excluded, 2; baptized, 15. Whole number, 839; one less than last year.

No revivals have been enjoyed the past year in the *Union Conference*, but peace and harmony have prevailed. Sabbath schools, the cause of temperance, and Christian benevolence generally, flourishing; and public worship well sustained.

The Rev. Cyril Pearl has been dismissed from the church in Harrison, and Rev. A. P. Chute installed.

One addition to the churches in this Conference by profession, 9 by letter; 3 dismissions; 7 deaths. Whole number, 1235; 5 less than last year.

In *Cumberland Conference* no extensive revival has occurred; but in several of the churches the dew of the Spirit has gently fallen. Some of the fruits of the Spirit have not been wholly wanting among the people of God, and some souls have been hopefully renewed. The various departments of Christian benevolence receive increasing attention; the contributions of one our churches have amounted to $2,756.

During the past year, two brethren, who had long ministered at the altar, have gone to their reward: Rev. Amasa Smith, of Cumberland, and Rev. Thos. Williams of Poland. They had used the ministry well. They kept the faith. Their record is on high.

Received by profession, 46, by letter, 79; deaths, 70; dismissions, 55; excluded, 3. Whole number, about 3800, few less than last year. Baptized, 119.

Rev. T. G. Mitchell has been settled over the church in Auburn. Rev. J. R. Adams, at Gorham. Rev. S. Gould, at Poland, and Rev. J. J. Carruthers, in Portland. Rev. S. H. Sleeper has been dismissed from the church in New Gloucester; and Rev. D. M. Mitchell has continued his useful labors as City Missionary in Portland.

York Conference. See Tables.

The whole number connected with our churches is from 150 to 200 less than last year. Several new churches have been formed, and there has been a larger number of ordinations and installations than usual.

The Reports from the Conferences, and from individual churches, speak of harmony, of continued or increasing interest in Sabbath schools and benevolent objects. The cause of temperance is evidently regarded by many of the churches—may it not reasonably be by all—as of vast importance not only to the morals of the community, but also to the piety of the church and the efficacy of the word preached.

It is a cause which God led his people to originate, and one which deserves and needs their watchful and prayerful cooperation.

These, brethren, are the lights and shades of the picture we present, as a a body of churches, to human view. If the divine eye beholds deep stains of guilt, which we or the world fail to perceive, may we not hope that there is also visible to that inspection, a gleam of penitence, of faith, of love to our adorable Redeemer, and of compassion for souls apparently hastening to that eternal misery, which we hope we have escaped? A gleam which, before another anniversary, shall have broken forth into a brightness above the brightness of that summer sun which shines to-day, after all the clouds, and darkness, upon our closing services. So may it be!

J. W. CHICKERING, *Cor. Sec.*

STATISTICAL TABLES.

*—AS REPORTED LAST YEAR. S. S.—STATED SUPPLY.

CUMBERLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths	Dis.	Ex'd.		
*Auburn	Thos. G. Mitchell						90	
Baldwin,	J. H. Garman, ss.	3		1			17	
Brunswick,	George E. Adams,	14	2	1	1		196	9
*Cape Elizabeth,							57	
Cumberland,	Joseph Blake,			2			144	
*Danville,							8	
Durham,	John Elliot, ss.						40	
Falmouth 1st,	Charles Dame,	1		1	2		135	
" 2d.	John Wilde,	1	1	2			93	
Freeport,	Eben. G. Parsons,	1	1	1			201	
Gorham,	John R. Adams,	1		9	4		160	
Gray,	Allen Lincoln,	4	4	3	1		52	
*Harpswell,	Elijah Kellogg,						40	
Hebron&WMinot	Elijah Jones, ss.			2			42	
Lewiston Falls,	Jas. Drummond,	3	6		1	1	86	13
Mechanic Falls,	Enos Merrill, ss.	2	1		3		36	
Minot,	Elijah Jones,	3		2	1		144	6
New Gloucester,	N. A. Prince, ss.	2	1	3	1	1	166	
N. Yarmouth, 1st,	David Shepley,	1	3	2	4		271	8
" 2d,	Caleb Hobart,			1	1		100	
Poland,	Stephen Gould,			3			57	
Portland 2d,	J.J.Carruthers, DD	6	21	10	9		380	3
" 3d,	W.T.Dwight, DD.	2	5	7	5	11	233	10
" High St.	J. W. Chickering,	5	8	3	8		343	30
" Abyssin.	A. N. Freeman,	4	2	3	2		86	
" Bethel,	Geo. W. Bourne,	2	2		1	1	30	
Pownal,	Wm. V. Jordan,	1	1	7	9		134	
Raymond,				1			13	
Scarborough,	A. W. Fiske, ss.			4			98	4
Standish,	W. W. Rand, ss.			1	1		60	
Westbrook 1st,	John Gunnison, ss	2	1				60	
" 2d,	Calvin Chapman,	1	1	3	1		122	
Windham,	Wm. Warren,			3			60	
THIRTY-THREE.	TWENTY-NINE.	59	60	75	55	14	3754	119†

† The items which make up this aggregate, mostly wanting.

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Totals.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Chesterville,	J. H. Conant,						49	
Farmington,	I. Rogers,	1	3	9	4		115	7
Fayette,	J. H. Conant, ss.		4	1			21	
Industry,					4		93	
*Kingfield,							10	
*New Portland,							21	
New Sharon,	J. T. Hawes,		4	2			100	
*New Vineyard,	D. Turner,						28	
Phillips,	T. W. Clark, ss.			1	2		50	
Strong,	W. Davenport, ss.			2			98	
Temple,	A. Morton,			3	2		84	3
Weld,				1	1		49	
Wilton,	J. Smith, ss.	1	4	2			47	
THIRTEEN.	EIGHT.	2	15	21	13		765	10

HANCOCK AND WALDO.

Amherst & Aurora			5				35	
Belfast 1st,	E. F. Cutter,		3	6	38		160	4
Belfast North,	Org'd. Sept 24, '46						35	
Bluehill,	J. Sewall, Jr.	3		3			166	4
Brooksville,	M. Ellis, ss.			2			40	
Bucksport,			2	6	3		162	
Camden,	N. Chapman,		2	3	1		126	2
Castine, Trin. Ch.	D. Sewall,					2	96	
Deer Isle,	Jona. Adams, ss.			1		1	201	15
Ellsworth,	S. Tenney,		1	2	2		114	
Frankfort,	S. H. Hayes,						61	
Jackson & Brooks	L. Wiswall,	1		1		1	82	5
Knox & vicinity,							24	
Mt. Desert,	C. M. Brown, ss.		1	1			124	6
Prospect 1st,	J. Freeman,		3				53	
Searsport,	S. Thurston,	3	1	5			263	23
Sedgwick,	M. Ellis, ss.			1			49	
Swanville,						1	30	
EIGHTEEN.	TWELVE.	7	18	31	44	5	1821	59

KENNEBEC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Totals.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Albion,	I. Wilkins,						22	
Augusta, North							36	
Augusta, South	B. Tappan, D. D.	1	4	3	3		208	8
Gardiner,	Josiah W. Peet,	1	2	3	2		56	1
Hallowell,	Eli Thurston,	1	1	6	6	1	208	1
Litchfield,	Timo. Davis,					1	40	
Pittston,	L. Strattan,	1	1				64	
Sidney,	N. W. Sheldon, ss.						14	
Richmond,	P. F. Barnard,						12	
Sebasticook,								
Unity,	Sumner Clark,	1					33	1
Vassalboro',	N. W. Sheldon, ss.			1	1	1	35	
Waterville,	Rich. B. Thurston,			4	10		32	
Windsor,							29	
Winslow,	Albert Cole,						70	
Winthrop,	David Thurston,	1	4	2			177	6
SIXTEEN.	TWELVE.	6	12	19	22	3	1036	17

OXFORD.

*Andover,							40	
Bethel,	Charles Frost,	2		1	4		167	
*Dixfield,							31	
*Gilead,	Henry Richardson,						44	
Norway,	Charles Packard,	3	7	3			106	5
Oxford,	Isaac Carlton,	2	3	2			63	2
Paris, South	Joseph Walker,	2	3	1	7	1	143	5
Rumford,	Eliph. S. Hopkins,			1			82	3
*Shelburne, N. H.	Henry Richardson,						7	
Sumner,	Simeon Hackett,		1	1	1	1	92	
Turner,	W. L. James, ss.			1	1		64	
ELEVEN.	EIGHT.	9	14	10	13	2	839	15

LINCOLN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Totals.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Alna,	Samuel Talbot,				2		95	1
Bath, Winter-st.	John O Fiske,		2	6	5	1	231	8
" Third,	Ray Palmer,	2	7	1	1		124	
*Boothbay,	William Tobey, ss.						174	
Bremen,	D. Cushman, ss.		3				19	
Bristol,	Samuel L. Gould,			1			95	
Edgecomb,				2	1		116	
*Jefferson,							10	
Lisbon,	Jonas Fisk, ss.		1				25	1
New Castle, 1st.	D. Cushman ss.						54	
" Damariscotta,	Edwin Seabury,						94	
Phipsburg,	Asa T. Loring,			2			215	3
Thomaston, 1st.	Richard Woodhull			1			122	
" (East) 2nd,	S. C. Fessenden,	1	7		1	1	61	
*Topsham,	Jona. C. Clement,						125	
Union,	Sam'l Bowker,			2	2		58	
Waldoboro,	John Dodge,		3	3	5		217	2
*Warren,							109	
*Washington,							56	
*Wiscasset,	Uriah Balkam,						159	
*Woolwich,	Jos. Garland ss.						60	
TWENTY-ONE.	SIXTEEN.	3	23	18	17	2	2219	15

PISCATAQUIS.

Abbot,			1	1	2		16	
Atkinson,							11	
Blanchard,					1	1	62	
Brownville,	Wm. S. Sewall,						56	4
Dexter,	S. G. Carpenter,		8	2	3		31	1
Exeter,	S. S. Drake, ss.				1		19	2
Foxcroft & Dover,	Wooster Parker,		1		1	4	111	3
Garland,				1	5		40	3
Milo,					3		22	
Monson,	Horatio Ilsley,		2	1			76	4
Sangerville,		1		1	2		27	1
Sebec,							9	
TWELVE.	FIVE.	1	12	6	18	5	480	18

PENOBSCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Bangor, First,	S. L. Pomroy,	2	11	12	36		312	8
" Hammond-st.	John Maltby,	1	9	3	14	1	250	6
" North,	D. T. Smith, ss.	7	1	1	1		26	8
" Third,	G.Shepard,D.D ss.						31	
*Bradford,	H. White,						19	
Brewer, First,	N. Dole,			2			108	2
" Second,	J. R. Munsell,	14		1	1		93	11
" Third,	Thomas Smith,						23	
Burlington,							14	
*Corinna,							12	
Dedham,		6					28	8
Dixmont,	Israel Hills, ss.	1		1			17	
*Glenburn,							10	
Hampden,	B. Tappan, Jr.		2	2	2	1	95	3
Levant,	S. S. Drake, ss.						58	
Old-Town,	S. H. Merrill, ss.		2	2	1		19	
Orono,	J. A. Perry, ss.	1	1		1		49	
Orrington,	Thomas Smith,			3			60	
EIGHTEEN.	THIRTEEN.	32	26	27	56	2	1224	46

SOMERSET.

Anson,	J. Perham, ss.	1		2			38	
*Athens,	G. W. Fargo, ss.						17	
*Bingham,	Sydney Turner,						71	
*Bloomfield,	G. W. Hathaway,						97	
*Cornville,	G. W. Fargo, ss.						7	
*Fairfield,							16	
*Flagstaff,							37	
Madison,	John Perham, ss.						32	
Mercer,							60	
Norridgewock,	Josiah Peet,		6	4		1	91	9
*Skowhegan,							18	
*Solon South,							41	
*Solon Village,	Sydney Turner, ss.						16	
*St. Albans,							49	
FOURTEEN.	FIVE.	1	6	6		1	590	9

Albany,	G. P. Tewksbury,		
Bridgton,	Caleb F. Page,	1	
*Bridgton South,	J. P. Fessenden,		
*Bridgton North,	L. W. Harris,		
Brownfield,	David Gerry, 2-3		
*Denmark,			
*Fryeburg,	C. Hurd,		
Harrison,	A. P. Chute,		
*Hiram,	David Gerry, 1-3		
*Lovell,			
Otisfield,	J. P. Richardson,		
Sweden,	D. Garland, ss.		
Waterford,	J. A. Douglass,		
THIRTEEN.	TEN.	1	

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Calais,	S. H Keeler,		
Cherryfield,	Chas. Smith, ss.		
Cooper,	A. Stowell, ss.		
Dennysville,	J. H. Stearns,		
Eastport,			
Jonesboro,			
Lubec,	N [illegible]		

YORK.

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Acton,	S. Merrill,		2				77	
Alfred,	John Orr,	1	4	3			116	6
Biddeford 1st,	Joshua S. Gay, ss.			3			110	
Biddeford 2d,	T. N. Lord,		12	1	4	1	108	3
Buxton,	J. Bartlett, ss.	1	5	3	4		92	
Cornish,							12	
Elliot,	John Baker, ss.			1	2		120	
Kennebunk,	G. W. Cressey,	1	3		7		83	
Kennebunkp'rt1st	J. Kimball, ss.			4			80	
" South,	Henry Eddy,						97	
" Union,							6	
Kittery,	Reuben Kimball,	4					37	
Lebanon,	Joseph Loring,			1	2		104	
Limerick,	Chas. Freeman,		1	5	2		95	2
Limington,							90	
Lyman,	Wm. Pierce,		1	4			120	
Newfield,	Elias Chapman,			2	3		67	2
Parsonsfield,							29	
Saco,	E. S. Dwight,		9	4	1	1	223	7
Sanford,	J. C. Goss,					2	91	4
Shapleigh,	Amasa Loring,						23	4
South Berwick,	B. R. Allen,	1		3	1		144	1
Wells 1st,	J. R. Cushing,		1	2	2		259	
Wells 2d,	Benj. Howe,	4		2	3		73	
York 1st,	John Ashby,			2	1		107	1
York 2d,	Morris Holman,						27	
TWENTY-SIX.	TWENTY-TWO.	12	38	40	32	4	2390	30

AROOSTOOK.

Hodgdon,	A. J. Copeland, ss.	1					11	1
Houlton,	Wm. T. Savage,	6			1		39	4
Letter D, or Fort Fairfield,	J. G. Merrill, ss.						10	
Lincoln,	J. Eaton, ss.	2	2	1		4	24	1
Monticello.	A. J. Copeland, ss.						4	
No. 13, Range 3, or Salmon Brook	J. G. Merrill, ss.						5	
Patten & vicinity,	J. Eaton, ss.		6				25	4
SEVEN.	FOUR.	9	8	1	1	4	118	10

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Lincoln,	21	16	3	23	18	17	2	2219	
Oxford,	11	8	9	14	10	13	2	839	
Penobscot,	18	13	32	26	27	56	2	1224	
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The General Conference of Maine assembled at the Hammond Street Church in Bangor, Tuesday, June 27, 1848, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The County Conferences were represented as follows:

YORK.—Rev. Messrs. G. W. Cressey, B. R. Allen, Dea. John A. Morrill, Dea. Oliver Walker, Dea. Seth Scamman.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Messrs. A. N. Freeman, W. V. Jordan, C. Chapman, Dea. Charles Briggs.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. Messrs. R. B. Thurston, P. F. Barnard, Bro. S. Doolittle.

SOMERSET.—Rev. J. Perham, Dea. W. W. Dinsmore, Dea. T. Dinsmore.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. Messrs. N. Dole, S. H. Merrill, Dea. A. Fisher, Bro. H. Wilder.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Messrs. W. Davenport, J. H. Conant.

UNION.—Rev. Messrs. J. A. Douglass, C. F. Page, Bro. Jona. Evans, Bro. Samuel Tyler.

OXFORD.—Not represented.

LINCOLN.—Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Dodge, D. Cushman, R. Palmer, Dea. James Starrett.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. A. Brown.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Messrs. D. Sewall, J. B. R. Walker, Deas. H. Darling, S. Adams.

WALDO.—Rev. Messrs. Nathan Chapman, S. Souther, Jr., Dea. E. Beaman, Bro. J. M. E. Wright.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. Messrs. E. Hale, H. Ilsley, Dea. Joshua Abbott, Bro. G. Rider.

AROOSTOOK.—Rev. Messrs. W. T. Savage, E Fobes, Bros. John Conant, S. Houlton.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. S. Thurston, *Moderator;* J. W. Chickering, E. F. Cutter, *Secretaries;* Rev. J. Maltby, N. Dole, B. Tappan, Jr., W. Parker, S. H. Hayes, Dr. Pomroy, Dr. Pond, W. Warren, Dr. Tappan, C. Hurd, J. W. Ellingwood, R. Woodhull, T. Davis, E. G. Carpenter.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Evangelical Consociation, R. I., Rev. W. J. Breed.

General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. N. Gale.

General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. A. Burgess, Rev. D. P. Smith.

Annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. James McDonald.

General Association of Connecticut.

General Convention of Vermont.

Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. H. M. Blake, Rev. N. D. George.

Maine Baptist Convention, Rev. N. W. Williams, S. L. Caldwell.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

Rev. Mr. Bushnell, Agent of American Seamen's Friend Society.

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Rev. William Clark, General Agent of A. B. C. F. M.

Rev. S. H. Calhoun, from Mt. Lebanon, Missionary of A. B. C. F. M.

Rev. D. C. Haynes, of Portland, Agent of American Tract Society.

Rev. Manuel J. Gonsalves, American Protestant Society.

Rev. Mr. Gibson, Agent of American Sunday School Union.

Rev. S. H. Riddel, Secretary of American Education Society.

Rev. Seth Bliss, Secretary of American Tract Society.

Rev. William Hovey, Agent of Foreign Evangelical Society.

TUESDAY 9 o'CLOCK, A. M. Conference opened its session.

Singing, 376 Hymn, Church Psalmody; Reading, Luke 10: 1—24, and Prayer by the Moderator.

Constitution and Rules were read by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. D. Sewall, R. Palmer, and J. Perham were appointed Committee of Nominations.

Rev. S. Souther, Jr., in behalf of a newly organized Conference in the County of Waldo, requested to be admitted as a constituent member of this body. The matter was referred to a Committee, Rev. W. T. Savage, Dr. Tappan and J. Maltby, who recommended that the request be granted, which report was accepted and adopted; and Waldo Conference received into our connection.

Reports of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies were presented. Evangelical clergymen present were invited to sit with the Conference as honorary members.

The Report on "the appointment of Delegates," forwarded by Rev. Mr. Freeman, was referred to a Committee, Rev. Messrs. Sewall, Palmer, Perham, Hurd and Pond; and, on their recommendation, farther action in the matter was suspended.

Rev. J. W. Chickering reported a communication from Rev. E. F. Hatfield, Clerk of Third Presbytery of New York, respecting the articles of union between this body and the Presbyterian Assembly, which was referred to Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, B. Tappan, and J. W. Ellingwood, who reported at a later stage of the meeting, that this Conference has no power of action in respect to the licensing or ordination of ministers in the State; that action being confined by our ecclesiastical usages to associations or councils convened for the purpose.

Voted, That the letter of Rev. Mr. HATFIELD be printed in connection with the Minutes, that the churches may understand the views of the Presbyterian church in the matter.*

Rev. Mr. Warren reported a resolution of the Cumberland Conference, requesting the General Conference of Maine to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of providing for a full and uniform report of all statistics pertaining to the same Committee.

10 1-2 o'clock. PUBLIC SERVICES. Singing, 72 Psalm. Prayer by Father Sawyer, of Garland. Singing 67 Hymn. Sermon, from 1 Cor. 1: 18, by

* V. Appendix, in which Mr. Hatfield's Letter, and the longer reports of Committees are brought together.

Rev. Mr. McDonald of Jamaica, L. I. who also offered the closing prayer. Benediction by the Moderator. Adjourned.

P. M. Conference resumed its Session. Reading, Ephes. 4, by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. T. Davis.

The annual reports of the Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Chickering, for the years 1847 and 1848 were read and accepted.

Singing 365 Hymn. Prayer by Rev. A. Burgess, of New Hampshire. Address by Rev. Mr. Calhoun, Missionary of A. B. C. F. M., to Mt. Lebanon. Prayer by Rev. D. Thurston. Select music by the choir.

Address by Rev. Mr. Gibson, Agent of American Sunday School Union.

Remarks on the religious state of France by Rev. Dr. Carruthers.

Rev. Mr. Chickering made a brief statement in respect to the condition of the Bethel Church in Portland; accompanied with general remarks on the conditions and claims of Seamen.

Rev. Mr. Bushnell, Agent of American Seamen's Friend Society, followed on the same subject: after which Mr. French, Chaplain to Seamen at Havana, made a brief statement of the spiritual condition of that city, and of the numerous sailors, who are constantly crowding that great mart of American commerce.

Address by Rev. Mr. Haynes, Agent of American Tract Society.

Closing Address by Rev. Mr. Young, Agent of American Bible Society.

Voluntary by the choir. Benediction by the Moderator.

Adjourned to Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

[Tuesday Evening. Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Carruthers. Sermon by Rev. B. R. Allen, from 1 Tim. 5: 18, latter clause, Collection $45,05.

In the absence of the Secretary, E. F. Cutter was elected Secretary pro tem.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Officers. Rev. Dr. Tappan, President; Deacon S. Adams, Vice President; Rev. George E. Adams, Secretary; Rev. D. Thurston, Treasurer; Stephen Sewall, Auditor.

Trustees. President and Secretary ex-officio, Rev. Messrs. Allen Greeley, J. W. Ellingwood, Dr. Gillett, E. Jones, E. Thurston, and D. Shepley.

Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D. D., 1st Preacher—Rev. John Maltby, 2d Preacher.

Annual meeting in the Winter Street Church Bath, on the evening of the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1849.]

Wednesday, 5 1-2 o'clock A. M. Prayer meeting.

8 o'clock. Conference met. Reading, Jas. 3: 13—18 by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. N. Gale, of Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Report of the Committee of Nominations was accepted and adopted, as follows:

Place of next meeting—Winter Street Church, Bath.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Messrs. John O. Fiske, Ray Palmer, and J. W. Ellingwood.

Preacher—Rev. Richard Woodhull.
Substitute—Rev. James Drummond.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

General Association of N. Hampshire.

Primaries.	Substitutes.
Rev. Isaac Rogers,	Rev. Richard B. Thurston,
Rev. J. T. Hawes,	Rev. Albert Cole.

General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. William Davenport, Rev. Charles Packard,
Rev. J. W. Peet, Rev. Isaac Carleton.

General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. E. S. Dwight, Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D.,
Rev. E. G. Parsons, Rev. John Dodge.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. Ray Palmer, Rev. John O. Fiske,
Rev. James Drummond, Rev. Joseph Blake.

General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Rev. J. Clement, D. D.,
Rev. N. Dole, Rev. A P. Chute.

General Association of New York.

Rev. U. Balkham, Rev. S. H. Keeler.

General Association of Michigan.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D.

General Conference of Wisconsin.

Rev. John Maltby.

Congregational Association of Iowa.

Rev. John R. Adams.

Annual General Assembly, (O. S.)

Rev. A. T. Loring, Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D.,
Dea. G. Hyde, Bro. Woodbury Storer.

Maine Methodist Conference.

Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rev. A. Morton.

Maine Baptist Convention.

Rev. John Perham, Rev. J. B. R. Walker.

Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, Rev. Wm. V. Jordan.

Publishing Committee.

Rev. Asa Cummings, Rev. John W. Chickering, Rev. E. F. Cutter.

Committee to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor.

CUMBERLAND—Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D.
FRANKLIN—Bro. Robert Goodenow.
HANCOCK—Rev. J. B. R. Walker.
WALDO—Rev. E. F. Cutter.
KENNEBEC—Rev. J. W. Peet.
OXFORD—Rev. E. S. Hopkins.
LINCOLN—Rev. J. Clement, D. D.
PISCATAQUIS—Rev. H. Ilsley.
PENOBSCOT—Rev. B. Tappan, Jr.
SOMERSET—Bro. Jonathan Mardin.
UNION—Rev. Caleb F. Page.
WASHINGTON—Rev. Amos Brown.
YORK—Rev. E. S. Dwight.
AROOSTOOK—Bro. Luther Rogers.

Rev. Mr. Palmer introduced the subject of the propriety of making some definite arrangements for the regular and systematic presentation of the claims of benevolent associations in our future meetings; so that more time may be allotted to each in their turn: whereupon, after some discussion, it was voted, That the whole matter be referred to the committee of arrangements to report at the next meeting.

The hour having arrived when the exercises of the Maine Missionary Society commence, the Conference adjourned to the afternoon.

[9 o'clock. *Maine Missionary Society.* Singing, Psalm 72.

Reading select passages from Isa. 47, and prayer by the President.

Singing, Psalm 137.

Sermon by Rev. C. Hobart, from Ps. 137: 5, 6.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The Report of the Trustees, prepared by Rev. Dr. Gillett, was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan.

On motion of Rev. Ray Palmer, the report was adopted and ordered for publication.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Palmer, Gonsalves, Clark, C. M. Brown, J. G. Merrill, Tucker, S. Thurston, and Dr. Pomroy.

Collection, $

Prayer and benediction by Rev. Father Sewall.

OFFICERS. W. T. Dwight, D. D. *President;* Rev. John W. Ellingwood, *Vice President;* Dr. Gillett, *Cor. and Rec. Secretary;* William Swan, Esq. *Treasurer.*

TRUSTEES. President, *ex. off.*, Rev. Messrs. David Thurston, B. Tappan, D. D., John W. Ellingwood, S. L. Pomroy, E. Gillett, D. D., E. F. Cutter, Enoch Pond, D. D., John W. Chickering, David Shepley, and William Swan, Esq.

AUDITORS. William C. Mitchell and William D. Little, Esquires.

The former Treasurer, Woodbury Storer, Esq. having declined a re-election, the Society adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That while the Maine Missionary Society regret the necessity which compels their recent Treasurer, Woodbury Storer, to decline a re-election: they hereby express their warm acknowledgements, and their great indebtedness to him for his long and faithful services in their behalf.

Rev. W. Warren was chosen a Committee to tender Rev. Mr. Hobart the thanks of the Society, for the Sermon this day delivered, and request a copy for publication.

Next annual meeting in the Winter Street Church, Bath, on the fourth Wednesday of June 1849, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. Eli Thurston, 1st Preacher,—Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D., Second Preacher.

P. M. Maine Branch American Education Society.

The Annual Meeting was opened with prayer by the President. Rev. D. Thurston.

In the absence of the Secretary no Report was offered. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. S. H. Riddel, J. F. Stearns, Dr. Pond, James McDonald, Mr. Gibson and M. J. Gonsalves. Collection, $

OFFICERS. Rev. D. Thurston, President; Rev. E. Pond, D. D., Vice President; Rev. George E. Adams, Secretary, Prof. William Smyth, Tr.

DIRECTORS. Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, Ellingwood, Dr. Tappan, Cummings, D. Shepley and Palmer.

AUDITOR. Joseph McKeen.

The next annual meeting at Winter St. Church, Bath, the fourth Wednesday of June, 1849.]

4 O'CLOCK. Conference resumed its session.

Rev. E. G. Carpenter, in behalf of the Committee appointed to visit the Theological Seminary, in Bangor, presented their report.

Rev. Dr. Pond from the Committee on Congregationalism presented an abstract of the report prepared by them, whereupon, on motion of Rev. Dr. Tappan, the Conference adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, There is not time, on the present occasion, to read the report of the Committee on Congregationalism; therefore

Voted, That the report be so far accepted, as to place it on our files: and that it be printed, under the direction of the Committee, for the consideration of the churches; provided, it can be done without expense to the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Tappan, from the committee appointed last year to consider the memorial on the subject of our correspondence with Ecclesiastical bodies, 'composed in part of slaveholders,' presented a report from the majority of said committee which was accepted and adopted for publication.

Rev. Mr. Wiswall of the Committee presented a report, in his own behalf, on the same subject, which was ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to 7 1-2 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening. Conference reassembled.

Singing 163 Hymn. Reading, Isaiah 60, by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. D. Smith of N. H.

Rev. M. J. Gonsalves first addressed the meeting in respect to the history and condition of converts from Popery in Trinidad.

Addresses followed on Foreign missions by Rev. Messrs. R. J. Hovey and Calhoun, who closed by reading a letter from Rev. Mr. Dwight, of Constantinople, written on receiving the news of the conversion of his son, now in this land.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Adjourned to Thursday 8 o'clock, A. M.

Thursday, June 29, A. M., 5 1-2 o'clock. Prayer meeting.

8 o'clock. Conference met. Reading, John 7: 37—44, and prayer by Recording Secretary.

Rev. S. H. Hayes, from the Committee on memorials from Cumberland and Kennebec Conferences, on the statistical returns of our churches, reported, and the report was accepted, and committed to a Committee for revision, and such farther action as may be necessary.

Rev. Messrs. Cummings, Chickering and Bro. E. F. Duren, were appointed said Committee.

Voted, That a Committee of one from each County Conference be appointed to report on the general interests of Sabbath Schools, having particular reference to the relations of these institutions to the churches, the duties of church members to them, and their relation to parental instruction.

The Committee consists of the Clerks of the several County Conferences.

Rev. Mr. Baker, of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, made brief remarks, and tendered on the part of that Society, blank circulars for statistical returns from Sabbath Schools.

Voted, That this Conference gratefully acknowledge the liberal offer made in behalf of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, and gladly accept the same; requesting the committee of said Society to forward the circulars to the clerks of the County Conferences, for distribution among the churches.

Public Service. Singing 117 Hymn. Prayer by Rev. N. D. George of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Report on the state of religion within the bounds of the Conference, by Rev. J. W. Chickering which was accepted and ordered for publication.

Singing 67 Psalm.

Report from Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. William J. Breed.

Report from General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. N. Gale.

Report from General Association of New Hampshire, Rev. D. P. Smith.

Singing, 265 Hymn.

Report from Annual General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. McDonald.

Report from Maine Baptist Convention, Rev. N. W. Williams.

Report of Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. N. D. George.

A letter from Rev. L. C. Spofford, delegate from the General Convention of Wisconsin, who was unable to attend this meeting, was read by Rev. Dr. Pomroy.

Report of General Association of Connecticut, by Rev. Mr. Shipman in the absence of the Delegates appointed by that Body.

On motion of Mr. Chickering, the Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference the signs of the times are such as to demand special effort for the circulation of the Word of God among the numerous Roman Catholics, who by emigration to this free country, or by the progress of freedom in their own countries, are becoming accessible to such effort;—that we rejoice in the increased efficiency and success of the American Protestant and the Foreign Evangelical Societies; and that in view of the wide field so rapidly and surprisingly opening before the latter in France, and other parts of continental Europe, we especially and renewedly commend the enterprise to the sympathies, prayers, and contributions of our brethren in the churches.

Singing, 538 Hymn. Benediction by the Moderator.

P. M. Closing Exercises. Voluntary on the Organ. Singing by the Choir.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Woodhull. Singing, 169 Hymn. Sermon from Rev. W. Parker, from Psalm 145: 11. Collection, $

The Conference then united with a large body of communicants in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Remarks by Rev. Mr. Calhoun from Mount Lebanon.

Blessing invoked, and distribution of the bread by Rev. James McDonald of the Presbyterian church.

Remarks by Rev. J. W. Ellingwood of Bath.

Thanks rendered by Rev. N. Gale of Massachusetts.

Distribution of the cup by Rev. Mr. Ellingwood.

Singing, 366 Hymn. Benediction by Rev. N. Gale.

The Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference gratefully acknowledge the kind and Christian hospitalities of our friends in Bangor on this occasion, and assure them of a remembrance in our hearts and our prayers. May God bless them with us, and prepare us all to meet around the throne above.

The Conference then adjourned.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in the Winter St. Church, Bath, on the Tuesday preceding the 4th Wednesday of June, 1849, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. R. Woodhull, First Preacher,—Rev. James Drummond, Second Preacher.

Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Messrs. Fiske, Palmer and Ellingwood.

EDWARD F. CUTTER, *Rec. Sec.*

Bangor, June 29, 1848.

N. B. By vote of Conference the printed minutes are the certificate to delegates to Corresponding Bodies of their appointment.

REPORT

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

JUNE 1848.

[On account of the unusual amount of other matter to be printed, only an outline of this Report is here presented.]

* * * The eastern Star in our constellation of Conferences, is annually increasing in magnitude, and shedding, we would hope, a brighter light over the wide reigon where God has placed it. *Aroostook Conference* now numbers nine churches. In one section of this wide field near Patten, there has been some special religious interest, and a few hopeful conversions. Harmony prevails among the churches, and between them and other denominations.

In *Washington Conference*, public worship, sabbath schools, and other means of grace have been well sustained, and a few hopeful conversions have occurred, and some of God's people have been quickened.

Hancock Conference, now for the first time separately recognized since the amicable division of the Hancock and Waldo Conference, is in a harmonious and generally prosperous state.

Rev. Jonathan Fisher, an esteemed and useful father among these churches, has entered into his rest. His works do follow him.

In *Waldo Conference* there are marks of outward prosperity in the erection and enlargement of houses for worship. Some spiritual blessings have also descended on a few of the churches.

Penobscot Conference has been highly favored, not only in the continuance of permanent and peaceful habits in the churches, but in special reviving and converting influences bestowed upon four of the number. Some measure of these influences has descended on a majority of the churches.

Two churches in the *Piscataquis Conference* have been blessed with revivals. Others are outwardly prosperous. Contributions are increasing. The cause of temperance is not progressive.

In *Lincoln Conference* there has been one extensive revival, and two churches blessed in a more limited degree—most of the converts in each case were connected with the Sabbath School.

Somerset Conference. Some improvement has been made in several of the houses of worship, and one church has erected a neat and commodious sanctuary, in connection with another denomination. Sabbath schools, re-

ligious reading, prayer meetings and contributions to the Lord's treasury are held in estimation.

Franklin Conference has received some mercy drops, and if the copious rain has been withheld, the dews of divine grace have been enjoyed.

A few conversions are reported within the bounds of the *Kennebec Conference*, but on the whole there is little progress.

Two of the churches in *Oxford Conference* have witnessed a few cases of conversion, and the cause of truth is on the whole advancing.

Union Conference has been blessed with one gentle shower of grace; one pastor has been settled, and on the whole appearances are hopeful.

The churches in *Cumberland Conference* are enjoying external prosperity, though but few have had any considerable evidence of the immediate efficacy of the Word.

In *York Conference* few changes have occurred, and but little has been seen of converting and quickening grace; though there is much desire and prayer for spiritual quickening.

In fine, on the whole, a diminution of eighty members—a smaller loss than in late years. The number of additions by profession has been two hundred and twenty-four—a larger number than has been reported for a long time, though most of the fruits of revivals have not yet been gathered in.

Several cheering signs are visible in the Reports; among these are, the evidences of the fruits of the Spirit abounding more and more,—such as love, liberality, and the diligent use of means attended by outward prosperity among the churches.

But most of all, the Sabbath Schools shine in these reports, the satellites of our ecclesiastical planets, keeping them from total darkness even in this night time. There is more than usual evidence that the Lord is turning the hearts of the fathers to the children; and that the churches, in the absence of exterior marks of grace among the present generation of adults, are looking forward with a hope, not attended by idleness, to the next coming succession upon the stage of life,—and upward with a faith not without works, to the blessed throne, whence issue covenant promises as well as converting grace.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Addit	
		Prof.	
Auburn,	Thos. G. Mitchell		
*Baldwin,	J. H. Garman, ss.		
Brunswick,	George E. Adams,	9	
Cape Elizabeth,	R. Parkinson, ss.		
Cumberland,	Joseph Blake,		
*Danville,			
*Durham,	John Elliot, ss.		
Falmouth 1st,	Charles Dame,		
" 2d,	John Wilde,		
Freeport,	Eben. G. Parsons,	2	
Gorham,	John R. Adams,	5	
Gray,	Allen Lincoln,		
Harpswell,	Elijah Kellogg,		
Hebron&W Minot			
Lewiston Falls,	James Drummond	1	
Mechanic Falls,	Enos Merrill,	2	
Minot,	Elijah Jones,	1	
New Gloucester,	N. A. Prince, ss.	11	
N. Yarmouth, 1st,	David Shepley,	4	
" 2d,	Caleb Hobart,		
Poland,	Stephen Gould,		
Portland 2d,	J.J.Carruthers, DD	13	
" 3d,	W.T.Dwight, DD.	1	
" High St.,	J. W. Chickering,	5	
" Abyssin.	A. N. Freeman,	2	
" Bethel,	D. M. Mitchell,		
Portland			

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Chesterville,	J. H. Conant,		2	2			49	
Farmington,	Isaac Rogers,	4	1	2	5		111	8
*Fayette,							21	
Industry,	D. Clayes,				4		89	
*Kingfield,							10	
New Portland,							15	
New Sharon,	J. T. Hawes,			1		1	98	
New Vineyard,	D. Turner,			1			27	
Phillips,	Thos. W. Clark,						50	
Strong,	Wm. Davenport,	1		3	1		95	5
Temple,		1		2	2		90	
Weld,	C. B. Smith, ss.			2			44	1
Wilton,	Joseph Smith,						47	
THIRTEEN.	NINE.	6	3	13	12	1	746	14

KENNEBEC.

Albion,	I. Wilkins,						21	
Augusta, North							35	
Augusta, South	B. Tappan, D.D.						205	
Gardiner,	Josiah W. Peet,						55	
Hallowell,	Eli Thurston,						204	
Litchfield,	Timothy Davis,						39	
Pittston,	L. Strattan,						62	
Sidney,	N.W. Sheldon, ss.						13	
Richmond,	P. F. Barnard,						11	
Sebasticook,								
Unity,	Sumner Clark,						31	
Vassalboro',	N. W. Sheldon,						34	
Waterville,	Rich. B. Thurston						31	
Windsor,							28	
Winslow,	Albert Cole,						69	
Winthrop,	David Thurston,						174	
SIXTEEN.	TWELVE.	16	9	20	19		1012	

† The number of additions and removals in each church not reported.

Brooksville,		
Bucksport,	J. B. R. Walker,	1
Castine, Trin. Ch.,	D. Sewall,	2
*Deer Isle,	Jona. Adams, ss.	
*Ellsworth,	S. Tenney,	
*Mt Desert,	C. M. Brown,	
Sedgwick,	M. Ellis, ss.	
Sedgwick Village,	John H. Merrill, ss	6
TEN.	NINE.	9

WALDO.

Belfast 1st,	E. F. Cutter,	
Belfast North,	S. Souther,	1
Camden,	N. Chapman,	
Frankfort,	S. H. Hayes,	5
Jackson & Brooks,	L. Wiswall,	
Knox & vicinity,		
Prospect 1st,	J. Freeman,	
Searsport,	S. Thurston,	
Swanville,		
NINE.	SEVEN.	6

OXFORD.

Andover,	Joshua P. Gay,		3
Bethel,	Charles Frost,		
Dixfield			

LINCOLN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Alna,	Samuel Talbot,			1			94	4
Bath, Winter-st.	John O. Fiske,	2	4	7	1	2	225	5
" Central,	Ray Palmer,		3		3		142	3
*Boothbay,	S. L. Gould, ss.						174	
Bremen,	D. Cushman, ss.						19	
*Bristol,	J. Vinton, ss.						95	
Edgecomb,	Benj. Dodge,			6	3		107	1
Jefferson,							9	
Lisbon,	Jonas Fisk, ss.			1			24	
New Castle, 1st.	D. Cushman, ss.			2			51	2
" Damariscotta,	E. Seabury,			1			93	1
Phipsburg,	Asa T. Loring,	36	2	8	1		243	30
Thomaston, 1st	R. Woodhull,	1					123	
" (East) 2d	S. C. Fessenden,	2	1		1		61	3
*Topsham,	Jona Clement, DD.						125	
Union,	Samuel Bowker,	1		1			59	
Waldoboro',	John Dodge,			1	2		214	
Warren,	F. Davis,	6	4	1			127	5
Washington,				3	1		51	4
Wiscasset,	U. Balkam,				2		112	
Woolwich,	J. Sewall, Jr., ss.			1			61	
TWENTY-ONE.	NINETEEN.	48	14	33	14	2	2209	58

PISCATAQUIS.

Abbot,					3	1	14	
Atkinson,							11	
Blanchard,	Eusebius Hale, ss.					1	61	1
Brownville,	Wm. S. Sewall,		1	1			55	1
Dexter,	E. G. Carpenter,	5	4	1			39	5
Exeter,							19	
Foxcroft & Dover,	Wooster Parker,		1	2			107	
Garland,	P. B. Thayer, ss.			1	4		40	2
Milo,					2		11	
Monson,	Horatio Ilsley,	15	1	2	4		86	6
Sangerville,						1	27	
Sebec,							9	
TWELVE.	SIX.	20	7	7	13	3	479	15

PENOBSCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Bangor, First	S. L. Pomroy, DD.	3	12	3	8		316	
" Hammond-st.	John Maltby,				13		235	17
" " Central,	G.Shepard,DD.,ss.						31	
" North,	Prof D.T.Smith,ss						26	1
Brewer, First,	N. Dole,	1	7	2	6		108	2
" East,	J. R. Munsell,	1	1	3			91	2
" Village,	T. Smith,		3		1		25	
Bradford,	H. White,		1				20	2
*Burlington,							14	
*Corrinna,							12	
Dedham,	SS. by students,			1			27	2
Dixmont,	Israel Hills,						17	
*Glenburn,							10	
Hampden,	Benj. Tappan, Jr.				4	1	88	
*Levant,	SS. by students,						58	
*Old Town,	S. H. Merrill,						19	
Orono,	J. A. Perry, ss.	10	1	2	1		58	5
East Orrington,	T. Smith,				2		57	1
EIGHTEEN.	TWELVE.	15	25	11	35	1	1212	32

SOMERSET.

Anson,	J. Perham,			2			37	
Athens,	G. W. Fargo, ss.						12	
Bingham,	Sydney Turner, ss	2		2			71	
Bloomfield,	G. W. Hathaway,	2			5		91	
*Cornville,	G. W. Fargo, ss.						7	
*Fairfield,							16	
*Flagstaff,							37	
Madison,	Rev. J. Perham,		2	1			31	2
Mercer,	D. Clayes, ss.	2					53	
Norridgewock,	Josiah Peet,		5	1	4		90	3
Skowhegan,	Alph. Morton, ss.			1	1		14	
Solon, South	" "			2			40	
" Village,	Sydney Turner,						14	
St. Albans,				1			44	
FOURTEEN.	SEVEN.	6	7	10	10		556	5

UNION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Albany,	G. F. Tewksbury	5		2			77	
Bridgton,	C. F. Page,			2	3		92	
" South,	J. P. Fessenden,						51	
" North,	L. W. Harris,	1					48	
Brownfield,	David Gerry,	1		1			38	
Denmark,	David Gerry,						39	
Fryeburg,	C. Hurd,						200	
Harrison,	A. P. Chute,		2	1	1		96	
Hiram,	David Gerry,						15	
Lovell,	S. Wentworth, ss.						76	
Otisfield,	J. P. Richardson,			3	2		188	
Sweden,	J. P. Foster,	1	1		1		47	
Waterford,	J. A. Douglass,						175	
THIRTEEN.	ELEVEN.	8	3	9	7		1142	

WASHINGTON.

Calais,	S. H. Keeler,	9	3	2	2		140	10
*Cherryfield,							14	
*Cooper,	A. Morse, ss.						16	
Dennysville,	J. H. Stearns,		2	2			91	1
Eastport,	H. E. Parker, ss.			3			84	9
Jonesboro',	G. Bacheller,						15	
*Lubec,							26	
Machias,	Amos Brown,	2		2			140	
* " East,	A. Jackson, ss.						160	
" Port,	G. Bacheller,						69	1
*Northfield,							21	
*Pembroke,	A. Morse,						30	
Perry,	Abijah Stowell,	2	1			3	121	3
Robbinston,	D. B. Sewall,	2					70	8
Whiting,					2		14	
Whitneyville,	JBWheelwrightss						36	
SIXTEEN.	TEN.	15	6	9	4	3	1047	32

YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Let'r.	D'ths.	Dis.	Ex'd.		
Acton,	Stephen Merrill,	1			1		77	
Alfred,	John Orr,	1	1	3	7	1	105	
Biddeford, 1st,	S. S. Drake, ss.			2			108	8
" 2d,	Thos. N. Lord,	3	1	2	2		108	5
Buxton,	Joseph Bartlett,						79	
*Cornish,							12	
Elliot,	John Baker, ss.			1		1	100	
Kennebunk,	G. W. Cressey,	1	1	2			83	2
Kennebunkp'rt 1st	H. C. Daniels, ss.			1			79	
" South,				3	1		81	
" " Union,							6	
Kittery,	Reuben Kimball,						38	
Lebanon,	Joseph Loring,				4		100	4
Limerick,	Charles Freeman,	1	1	2	4		91	5
Limington,	John H. Garman,	1	1			1	91	4
Lyman,	Wm. Pierce,		2	2			120	
Newfield,	Elias Chapman,						67	3
Parsonsfield,							37	
Saco,	Edw. S. Dwight,	5	5	2	1		230	11
Sanford,	Jacob C. Goss,			1	14	5	71	
" 2d Church,	Clement Parker,		14				14	
Shapleigh,	Amasa Loring,	1					24	1
South Berwick,	Benj. R. Allen,	1		6	4		135	1
Wells 1st,	J. R. Cushing,			2	1		256	11
" 2d,	Benj. Howe,			1	2		70	
York 1st,	John L. Ashby,			2			106	2
" 2d,	Morris Holman,	1					28	
TWENTY-SEVEN.	TWENTY-TWO.	16	26	32	41	8	2316	57

AROOSTOOK.

Fort Fairfield,	J. G. Merrill, ss.						11	
Hodgdon,				2			9	
Houlton,		5	4				48	
Letter F,							4	
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Monticello,							4	
Patten,	J. Eaton, ss.			2			23	
Salmon Brook,	J. G. Merrill, ss.						8	
Springfield,	Marcus Keep, ss.	1	2				19	
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Hancock,	16	12	6	9	20	19		1012	
Kennebec,	21	19	48	14	33	14	2	2209	58
Lincoln,	11	9	5	13	21	7	3	832	12
Oxford,	18	12	15	25	11	35	1	1212	32
Penobscot,	12	6	20	7	7	13	3	479	15
Piscataquis,	14	7	6	7	10	10		556	5
Somerset,	13	11	8	3	9	7		1142	
Union,	9	7	6	8	10	15	3	771	25
Waldo,	16	10	15	6	9	4	3	1047	32
Washington,	27	22	16	26	32	41	8	2316	57
FOURTEEN.	222	165	225	228	240	271	33	17192	390

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Samuel P. Abbot, - - - - - - - - - Farmington.
Silas Baker, - - - - - - - - - - Kennebunk-port.
Mighill Blood, - - - - - - - - - - Ellsworth.
Alden B. Boynton, - - - - - - - - - Wiscasset.
John Boynton, - - - - - - - - - - Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley, - - - - - - - - - Gorham.
Asa Cummings, Editor of the Christian Mirror, - - - - Portland.
J. W. Ellingwood, - - - - - - - - - Bath.
Eliphalet Gillett, D. D. Secretary of Maine Missionary Society, - Hallowell.
Allen Greely, - - - - - - - - - Turner.
Eusebius Hale, Missionary, - - - - - - - Piscataquis Co.
H. A. Merrill, - - - - - - - - - Windham.
Freeman Parker, - - - - - - - - - Wiscasset.
Enoch Pond, D. D. Prof. in Theological Seminary, - - - Bangor.
John Sawyer, - - - - - - - - - Garland.
Jotham Sewall, Missionary, - - - - - - - Chesterville.
George Shepard, D. D. Professor in Theological Seminary, - - Bangor.
D. Talcott Smith, Professor in Theological Seminary, - - Bangor.
David Starrett, - - - - - - - - - Augusta.
Thomas C. Upham, D. D. Professor in Bowdoin College, - - Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, Jr. D. D. President of Bowdoin College, - - Brunswick.
Isaac Weston, - - - - - - - - - Cumberland.
James Weston, - - - - - - - - - Standish.

Report of the Committee appointed to visit
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discharged, others have been contracted. On the whole the debts of the Institution have not increased.

The present number of students is thirty-seven. Fourteen are in the senior class—nine in the middle and fourteen in the junior. Considering the diminution of students in all our Theological Seminaries—a diminution sufficient to excite alarm in the minds of all who are practically assured of the fact that the prosperity of Zion is greatly dependent upon its aggressive spirit and movement—considering this *general* diminution we say, the number at Bangor, is truly encouraging. To show that this is so, it will be only necessary to state, that the present Junior Class at Lane Seminary consists only of eight—at Andover of sixteen—at Yale of fourteen—at Auburn of thirteen, and at the Western Theological Seminary of twelve. And there can be no sufficient reason why this Seminary should suffer from a deficiency of students, provided ample ability to meet their wants can attract them. It is not the business of your Committee to institute comparisons—much less disparage the well earned repute that other institutions have gained, either locally or generally, but they may be pardoned for expressing the opinion that, for all the purposes of training laborers, practical, devoted pastors, and strong,—yea powerful preachers, our own Seminary is not surpassed by any of all those that are regarded as the nurseries of the churches. And it cannot be readily seen why any of our young men should be drawn away from our own sparkling, copious fountain, to drink at other springs. Experience, it is believed, will convince all such as are thus drawn away, and who have in subsequent years an opportunity intelligently to revise the decisions of youth, that it was distance alone that lent enchantment to the view. Would that we could impress upon all candidates for the ministry, within our own borders at least, the growing conviction strengthened, in the case of some of us, by some wanderings, and no little expense—that it will require any thing rather than self denial in them to enter and remain at our own school of the prophets.

The expenses at Bangor are as small as they well can be at any Seminary. There is no charge for room rent, furniture or Library, and about the only expense (incidentals excepted) is that of board, which by an existing arrangement (partly gratuitous) has cost the student the last year about 85 cents per week. The absolutely necessary expenses of the seminary, during the forty weeks of term time will not exceed some fifty or sixty dollars.

The faculty remains the same as last year—not because however no attractions have been held out, and no calls extended to some of them to enter more lucrative fields of labor. These repeated calls and refusals, while they serve to show us that our Professors are men of mark, should also induce us to prize them more highly, and bind them more firmly to our hearts.

These men, and such as these, are our jewels; these the stars that stud our northern sky; happy are we in the assurance, that they are not wandering stars; and in the same regular orbits in which they now circle, may they continue to circle, till transferred by the edict of God, to purer skies, there to shine with an eternal lustre.

The Professorship of Rhetoric is now fully endowed, and that of Theology is also in a way to be endowed without any appeal to the churches. The Professorship of Sacred Literature requires, however, to be endowed without delay. The endowment of this Professorship and the erection of a chapel for devotional purposes and the accommodation of the Library, will require some $30,000; and it was the intention of your Committee to propose that an effort be made the present year to raise the requisite sum. They hesitate, however, to do so under the existing pressure in the pecuniary affairs of the country.

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At our meeting in 1846, in concurrence with the General Association in Massachusetts, we "affectionately and earnestly entreated all slaveholders, who profess to be disciples of Christ, to review their opinions and practices, in relation to this subject, and to do their utmost to free the church from the pollution of this guilt.'

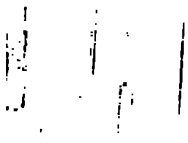
If now the question arises, whether it be incumbent on this Conference, as such, to take measures in relation to southern churches, of the nature of ecclesiastical discipline, your Committee are all decided in the opinion, that this question must be answered in the negative. It does not appear that the Divine Head of the church has given to a body like this ecclesiastical power—and the Maine Conference by its Constitution has expressly disclaimed it. It is not, therefore, competent for this Conference to pursue a course of discipline with the Southern churches. Whether slaveholding church-members shall be admitted to our communion tables, or slave-holding ministers to our pulpits—and whether our members, on going to the South, shall be dismissed to churches, by which slaveholding is practised and countenanced, are questions for individual churches and ministers to settle for themselves, in view of their responsibility to Christ, and of the instructions given in His Word. Some of the churches in connection with this Conference have taken action upon these subjects; others doubtless *will* act, when occasion may call for it.

The request of the memorialists is, that "communion with slaveholders," more definitely, that the friendly correspondence, which for several years past we have maintained, "the interchange of delegates, with religious bodies composed in part of slaveholders, be discontinued." The religious bodies referred to, are the General Assemblies of the Old School, and New School divisions of the Presbyterian church. These Assemblies are composed of Delegates from Presbyteries in all parts of the Union. Many, perhaps, all of the Presbyterian churches, embraced in the Southern States, are composed in part of slaveholders. The clerical and lay delegates, which represent them from year to year in the meetings of the General Assembly, are doubtless in many instances, holders of slaves; and such *may be* the delegates, sent by the General Assembly to this Conference. [One of the Assemblies has expressly, and the other in effect declared that "the existence of domestic slavery, under the circumstances in which it is found in the southern country, is no bar to Christian communion, and that the holding of slaves ought not to be made a subject of ecclesiastical discipline.] In the judgment of this Conference, as expressed and put on record at our meeting in 1845, the Report and Resolutions adopted by the O. S. General Assembly at its session that year, "*seemed* intended, as a justification of the system of slavery, existing in the Southern States, by an appeal to the Scriptures, and contained nothing which looked however remotely to its overthrow, but was fitted to produce the impression, that this system is justified by the Word of God, and ought not therefore to be abolished." From these proceedings "the Conference of Maine deemed it their duty publicly to express their dissent."

The question now brought before us is, whether, on account of the connexion of the two General Assemblies with slavery, and their neglect of efficient measures for the removal of so great an evil from the churches under their care, this Conference should decline any further correspondence, with them.

The discontinuance requested would not, it is conceived, be an unconstitutional exercise of ecclesiastical power. If without any such assumption we have commenced and continued the correspondence we might discontinue it.

Nor would it be *fully* equivalent to the declaration, that we no longer regard the Presbyterian churches of the United States as churches of Christ.



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where slavery does not exist—or from those ecclesiastical bodies, which we cannot but regard, in the main, as representing, and as composed of the true followers of the Lord Jesus. Virtually and practically to excommunicate so many undoubted ministers of the Gospel, and members of the body of Christ, is a very serious matter—an act, of which we could scarcely expect the Divine approbation.

A second reason may be found in the fact that the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian church, though they have not taken the high stand, which in our judgment they ought to have taken, are not to be regarded as avowed advocates and supporters of slavery. In the year 1818, before the Presbyterian church was divided, the General Assembly of the whole body declared "the voluntary enslaving of men" to be "a gross violation of the most sacred and precious rights of human nature—utterly inconsistent with the law of God, which requires every man to love his neighbor as himself, and totally irreconcilable with the spirit and principles of the Gospel of Christ, which requires, all things, whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

In 1846, the two Assemblies bore similar testimony against this great evil. The O. S. Assembly have said definitely, "that nothing which has been done by that body of late years, is inconsistent with the action of 1818." We are aware, that in the judgment of this Conference at a former meeting the proceedings of 1845, "were directly at variance with the views expressed in 1818." But such is not their own construction. They still adhere to the declaration, that "the voluntary enslaving of men is a gross violation of the most sacred and precious rights of human nature—utterly inconsistent with the law of God and totally irreconcilable to the principles and spirit of the Gospel." Such a declaration furnishes, we think, a common ground upon which the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian church, and the General Conference of Maine can stand together.

A third consideration is, that the Anti-Slavery sentiment and spirit are manifestly extending, even in the Southern States, and we do not consider it either right, or expedient, for this Conference to place itself in a position, in which they would weaken the hands of those brethren at the South, in the Presbyterian churches, who may be disposed by prudent measures in a Christian spirit to seek the termination of American slavery, and would cut themselves off from all opportunity of remonstrating with them in future.

For the present, at least, your Committee would recommend, that delegates be appointed by this Conference, as heretofore, to the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian church.

At the same time they would express an opinion in favor of renewing a correspondence on the subject of slavery with southern churches. It is believed, that our former correspondence was productive of good among ourselves, and at the South. At present there is more to favor such a proceeding, than there formerly was. More notice is taken of such communications, and replies are made in a better spirit. A document was published in the Christian Mirror of December 2, 1847, purporting to be a report on slavery, adopted unanimously by the synod of West Tennessee. It was drawn up by a Committee appointed for that purpose, as a reply to certain communications from the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian church in Scotland and Ireland, from the General Associations of Massachusetts and Connecticut, and from a large number of the most respectable ministers and Christians in Great Britain. It freely admits the Christian duty of remonstrance by one portion of the church of Christ against another, treats the opinions and feelings of Christian brethren in the free States and in Great Britain with courtesy and respect, and very frankly expresses the views of those, by whom it was adopted. Some of those views, we regard

as utterly erroneous; but the expression of them in the document referred to, is of a character that invites and encourages farther discussion. Though it was not prepared with particular reference to any thing that had been said or done by the General Conference of Maine, yet the adoption and publication of it by the synod of West Tennessee, present, in the judgment of your Committee, a very favorable opportunity for this body to address a communication to that synod and to other ecclesiastical bodies at the South, that may be understood to concur in the same views—and we would now conclude our Report by recommending the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare and forward to the Synod of West Tennessee, at its next annual meeting, a kind and respectful review of the Report on the subject of slavery, unanimously adopted by the said synod, in October, 1847—and that the same document be sent by the Committee to other ecclesiastical bodies at the South, connected with the two branches of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Messrs. W. T. Dwight, D. Thurston, N. Dole, L. Wiswall, and Ray Palmer were appointed said Committee.

REPORT OF THE MINORITY.

While it is certain that, as a Conference, we have no right to exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever, it seems to be generally admitted that, in deciding our duty in reference to that intercourse which we may properly have with other Christian bodies, we should be guided by the same *general principles*, as should guide churches in regulating *their* fellowship—but modified in their application by the difference in circumstances. The Conference seem to have assumed this ground in the previous action, and this Report will take the same ground.

As it respects the general question of fellowship, your Committee suppose it will be readily admitted, that any such *great error in doctrine or practice*, as brings a public scandal upon religion, or as is manifestly and palpably at variance with the law of God and common justice, is a sufficient reason for withholding fellowship with ecclesiastical bodies or individuals who are guilty of them; and that the laws of Christ's kingdom imperatively demand this course after suitable admonition has been given and rejected.

The first question therefore is, whether slaveholding, as practised, justified or tolerated in the southern churches, is such an offence? And second, whether we have so far discharged our duty in admonishing them of the wrong, as to justify us in withholding this public expression of fellowship, without farther admonition.

In reference to the first question your Committee would state the following

FACTS.*

1st. Those churches do tolerate and openly *justify* their members, in the practice of holding, buying and selling human beings, as property and for purposes of gain, on the same general principles as they would justify them in holding, buying and selling other property.

2d. While they do not justify what *they* call bad treatment of slaves, they do tolerate and virtually justify their members in the infliction of such scourgings and other punishments, as are deemed necessary to secure obedience and subordination on the part of the slave.

* The proofs to substantiate the facts stated in this Report, were arranged in an appendix attached to the Report, but as they were not called in question in the committee, and as the Conference was pressed for time, they were omitted in the reading of the Report.

3d. Slaveholding, as it is practised in those churches is, by their own confession, exceedingly corrupting in its effects,—the prolific cause of other sins which cannot be prevented while it exists.

Such in our view, are some of the prominent facts in regard to the southern churches; and the committee can hardly doubt that the Conference will decide that slaveholding, such as is practised, justified or tolerated by those churches, is such an offence, as, if persevered in after due admonition, calls for the withholding of fellowship. Indeed this Conference and other ecclesiastical bodies have repeatedly affirmed what is equivalent to such a decision. For its brevity we will quote a declaration of the General Association of Connecticut (1837.) They say, "That to buy and sell human beings and treat them as merchandize; or to treat servants, bond or free, in any manner inconsistent with the fact that they are intelligent and voluntary beings, made in the image of God, is a violation of the principles of the word of God and should be treated by all the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, as an immorality inconsistent with a profession of the Christian religion."

Our own Conference also has expressed the solemn conviction, "that the system of slavery existing in the United States is a great sin against God and man and a most threatening evil," "entirely contrary to the word of God."

We simply add, that if the practice were not sinful in its own nature, yet as being the necessary and prolific cause of other sins—corrupting and demoralizing the church and community which tolerates it, it ought on this ground to be excluded from the fellowship of the church.

We now come to the question, whether we have so far discharged our duty in admonishing those churches of the wrong, as to justify us in withdrawing this public expression of fellowship without further admonition? As bearing on this question, we may observe, that there is no evidence that they are, or as things are, that they will be, disposed to hear us and forsake the wrong; on the contrary, there seems to be a growing disposition to justify slavery from the bible. We believe they have no intention of excluding slavery from the church, or of making slaveholding a bar to church-membership; but are disposed resolutely to resist any such test, and to prevent those ministers and local churches among them who would, from making any such test for themselves in the admission of members. At least one minister and church in Kentucky are now under discipline for this cause.

There is therefore no good prospect of success in a continuance of such efforts. It is now about nine years since this Conference commenced the work of admonition, and it ought to be assumed, that, if we have been faithful, we have discharged our duty in this respect. If, as a conference, we had any authority to exercise acts of discipline, or any proper ecclesiastical connexion with, or covenant obligations to them, it might doubtless be proper to do more than we have done before withdrawing. But we have neither, our constitution absolutely forbidding the exercise of any ecclesiastical authority whatever; and we have no public and visible connexion with them, except the simple expression of fellowship by the interchange of delegates. It is doubtful, therefore, whether we can go farther in a course of admonition without seeming to assume an authority which we are forbidden to exercise; and it is certain that some believe we have already done so. While, therefore, it seems to be admitted that so far as we do any thing, we ought to be governed by the same general principles as would be required in discipline, it is doubtful if the conference would agree as to what should be done farther or more effectual. But none will doubt that we have the same constitutional right to decline the farther interchange of delegates that we have to continue it. The constitution leaves it

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2. It is said again that in those bodies are, doubtless, a great many true Christians; that a majority are not slaveholders, and that we have no right to refuse them the hand of fellowship; that we must receive all whom the Lord receives.

Without entering at length on the principles which should control church fellowship we would say, that in our own view the question for us to decide is not, what proportion of these members are real Christians, but are those churches practising or tolerating in their members the practice of a great sin, palpably contrary to the law of God; corrupting to the church, scandalous to religion, dishonorable to Christ? If so, then at least they are walking disorderly and we are commanded to "withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly."

(2.) If the principle of this objection is to prevail, and we may not refuse fellowship with any religious body in which real Christians have a place, can we refuse it to the Roman Catholic Church, which we may presume contains some real Christians?

But (3.) The true course for us to pursue in relation to those who may be true Christians is, doubtless, to receive them as the Lord has promised to receive such. "Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you." 2. Cor. 6: 17. Does not the spirit of this precept demand that instead of continuing our fellowship with the oppressor, we send a word of encouragement and offer of fellowship to those among them who in their ecclesiastical relations are separating or preparing to separate themselves from the unclean thing?

3. It is sometimes said that we ourselves are imperfect; that there are many practices in our own churches which are entirely wrong; and that we ought first to cast the beam out of our own eye.

To this we say, (1) that surely it will not be assumed that perfection on the part of a church or individual is an indispensable qualification for the work of discipline. If so we should have thought of our own sins before we undertook to admonish them at all. (2.) If any one knows of any scandalous sin at all to be compared to slaveholding, which is *openly practised, tolerated and justified* in our churches, it is his duty to tell us what it is, not as reason why we should continue to give our countenance to the additional sin of slavery, but that we may confess and forsake it.

4. It is asked where shall we cease if we begin to withhold fellowship, inasmuch as there is more or less that is wrong in all religious bodies with whom we are in correspondence? To this we reply, that we must determine each case on its own merits. If the Word of God demands that in this case we should withdraw, we can do so before we undertake to settle doubtful cases. Let us act according to the light we have, and more will be given as we need it. We will stop when the Word of God does not require us to go farther. Did the Conference determine just where they would cease in the work of admonition before they commenced it in this case? Have they felt that consistency demanded that they should proceed to *admonish* other religious bodies? Is it not evident that if the principle of this objection is to prevail, it will put an end to all admonition and all discipline?

5. It is said that, to withhold this expression of fellowship, or to decline a continuance of this correspondence, is virtually, or so far as we can do it, to excommunicate the whole Presbyterian church, whether slave-holders or not,—a responsibility we dare not assume.

But if what we *have* done in the way of admonition is not to be regarded as in any sense an exercise of disciplinary power, why should this be regarded as assuming the responsibility of excommunication? If we have taken the responsibility of publishing to the world that we deem slave-

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and correspondence proposed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, reported as follows:

It being a fundamental principle in the constitution of the General Conference of Maine, that this body shall exercise no ecclesiastical power or authority whatever, they cannot consistently adopt the third article of the terms of union and correspondence proposed by the General Assembly. The General Conference, however, appreciating the great importance of the ecclesiastical regulations and usages of each of the corresponding bodies, and of other bodies in their connexion, being mutually respected, propose the following substitute for the said third article, viz: While the General Conference of Maine has not, nor does claim, any ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the particular Conferences, Associations, Councils, or Churches in its connexion, it cheerfully unites with the General Assembly, in the expression of the opinion, that it is irregular for any ordained minister, licentiate, candidate for licensure, or church member, to be received into ecclesiastical connexion within the limits of one of the corresponding bodies, from the other, without due testimonials.—Whereupon,

Voted, to accept this report.

The following in "the third Article," referred to in the Committee's report:—

3. It shall be deemed irregular for any Presbytery, Conference, or Association, within the bounds of the corresponding churches to receive any candidate for licensure, licentiate, or ordained minister into connexion with either, without regular testimonials, and a regular dismission from the Presbytery, Conference or Association, from which the said candidate, licentiate or minister may come.

Voted, That the other four articles, viz: 1, 2, 4, and 5, together with said substitute for said 3d article, be, on the ratification of the General Assembly, the articles of union and correspondence between that body and this.

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OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN BATH,

JUNE 26, 1849.

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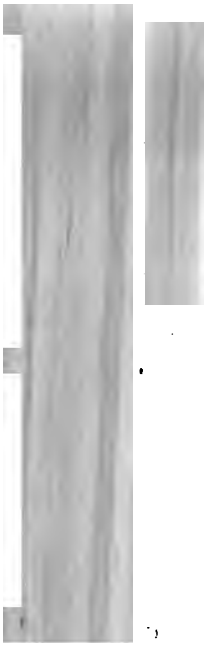

MINUTES.

The GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE assembled at Bath, in the Winter Street Church, June 26, 1849, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The County Conferences were represented as follows:

YORK.—Rev. Messrs. J. Loring, J. C. Goss, G. A. Bowman, Bro. Dominicus Jordan.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Messrs. A. W. Fiske, Allen Lincoln, William Warren, Dea. Nathan Springer, Bros. William Hyde, Samuel True.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. Messrs. N. B. Rogers, A. Cole, Bro. Frederick Paine.

SOMERSET.—Rev. J. Perham.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. Thomas Smith, Dea. A. Drummond, Bro. William Sandford.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Messrs. J. T. Hawes, Jos. H. Conant, Bros. Cyrus Pierce, Samuel Wyman.

UNION.—Rev. Messrs. J. P. Richardson, J. A. Douglass, Bro. Levi Patch.

OXFORD.—Rev. Messrs. J. S. Gay, J. Dodd.

LINCOLN.—Rev. Messrs. J. Sewall, Jr., S. L. Gould, George Gannett, Bros. Wilmot Woods, G. W. Kimball.

HANCOCK—Rev. Messrs. S. Tenney, J. B. R. Walker, Dea. David Wasson, Dea. Samuel Adams.

WALDO.—Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hayes, C. D. Herbert, Bro. Upton Treat.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. Messrs. W. Parker, W. S. Sewall.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. Messrs. A. Morse, H. E. Parker, Bro. Leon. Peabody.

AROOSTOOK.—Rev. Messrs. D. F. Potter, A. J. Bates.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Ray Palmer, *Moderator;* J. W. Chickering, S. H. Hayes, *Secretaries;* E. Pond, D. D., D. Thurston, Wm. T. Dwight, D. D., R. Woodhull, Benj. Tappan, D. D., S Thurston, L. Wiswall, J. O. Fiske, I. Rogers, T. N. Lord, E. F. Cutter, J. W. Ellingwood, Horatio Ilsley, J. J. Carruthers, D. D., D. Shepley, S. C. Fessenden.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. B. Parsons, } General Conference of Wisconsin.
" L. F. Spofford, }
Rev. E. H. Gray—Maine Baptist Convention.
Rev. D. P. Harriman—Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.
Rev. Cyrus Stone, } General Association of Massachusetts.
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Rev. J. F. Stone—General Convention of Vermont.
Rev. John C. Holbrook—General Cong. Assoc. of Iowa.
Rev. S. Bean—Evang. Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. J. W. CHICK
Rev. S. H. HAYES
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of the 3d Book. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises.

Impressive practical addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. W. Craig, E. F. Cutter, and Rev. Dr. Tappan.

One half hour was spent on the subject of *Early Religious Training*. Addresses were made by Rev. S. Tenney, Rev. R. Woodhull, Rev. D. Shepley, and S. Thurston. Singing by the congregation.

Another half hour was occupied by an address on the *religious state of Europe*, from Rev. Dr. Carruthers.

Rev. E. N. Sawtell occupied the same length of time on the *condition of papal Europe.*

Singing.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in considering the *Christian Sabbath.* Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Chickering, Freeman, and R. S. Cook of the Tract Society.

Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Poor, of Ceylon.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

[MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Tuesday Evening. Prayer by Rev. Isaac Rogers. Sermon by Rev. John R. Adams.

Collection, $90 20.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

OFFICERS. Rev. Dr. Tappan, *Pres.;* Dea. S. Adams, *V. Pres.;* Rev. J. R. Adams, *Sec'y.;* Rev. D. Thurston, *Treas.;* Stephen Sewall, Esq., *Auditor.*

TRUSTEES. President and Secretary, *ex off.*, Rev. Messrs. Allen Greely, J. W. Ellingwood, Isaac Rogers, E. Jones, D. Shepley and R. Woodhull.

Rev. DAVID SHEPLEY, 1st Preacher.
Rev. E. G. CARPENTER, 2d Preacher.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in connection with the General Conference, on the evening of Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1850.]

WEDNESDAY, 5 1-2 o'clock, A. M. Prayer-meeting.

8 *o'clock.* Conference met. The Scriptures were read by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by Rev. D. Shepley.

Evangelical clergymen of other denominations present were invited to sit with the Conference as honorary members.

The subject of *Sabbath Schools* was introduced, and the following resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Pond, and passed.

Resolved, That the General Conference has learned with much satisfaction, that the subject of Sabbath Schools has excited so much attention and interest in the several Counties the year past, and that it be recommended to the several County Conferences to pursue the same important subject in such ways as shall seem best to them for the ensuing year.

Also,

Voted, To appoint a committee of one to report on the subject of Sabbath Schools, at the next General Conference.

The hour for the meeting of the *Maine Missionary Society* having arrived, the Conference adjourned to 3 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

[MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Dr. Dwight, President of the Society, the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Eli Thurston, from Amos 7 : 5.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The Report of the Trustees was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, the acting Corresponding Secretary, and on motion of Rev. S. Souther was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Addresses were made by Rev. S. Souther, Rev. Dr. Clement, and Rev. I. P. Langworthy, of Chelsea, Ms.

Collection, $

On motion of Dr. Pond,

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be returned to Rev. Dr. Tappan, for his laborious, disinterested, and highly acceptable services, as Secretary and Agent of this Society, since he lamented demise of the late venerable and much venerated Secretary, making over at the same time the entire avails of such services, for the benefit of the comparatively destitute family of Dr Gillett.

OFFICERS.

Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, D. D., *President.*
Rev. JOHN W. ELLINGWOOD, *Vice President.*
WILLIAM SWAN, Esq., *Treasurer.*
Rev. BENJ TAPPAN, D.D., *Corres. and Record. Secretary.*

TRUSTEES.

PRESIDENT, *ex off.*,	Rev J. W. CHICKERING,
Rev. DAVID THURSTON,	" DAVID SHEPLEY,
" BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D. D.,	" E. F. CUTTER,
" J. W. ELLINGWOOD,	" ISAAC ROGERS,
" ENOCH POND, D. D.,	" STEPHEN THURSTON,

WILLIAM SWAN, Esq.

AUDITORS.

WM. C. MITCHELL and WM. D. LITTLE, Esquires.

Preachers—Rev. J. J. CARRUTHERS, D. D., 1st—Rev. J. A. DOUGLASS, 2d.

Rev. D. Thurston was appointed a committee to tender Rev. Eli Thurston the thanks of the Society for the Sermon this day delivered, and request a copy for publication.

On motion of Rev. E. F. Cutter,

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution, and to propose any amendments that may be deemed necessary to define more precisely the terms of membership, or any other amendments deemed advisable, and to report at the next Annual Meeting.

Rev. Messrs. Cutter, Ellingwood and Freeman were appointed said Committee.

The next Annual Meeting is to be at South Berwick, the fourth Wednesday in June, 1850.]

P. M. Conference met, and the Report of the Bangor Theological Seminary was read by Rev. Dr. Clement, which was

accepted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. (See Appendix, B.)

Address from R. S. Cook, Secretary of the American Tract Society.

Addresses on *Christian Benevolence* were made by Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston, and Wm. Clark, General Agent of the A. B. C. F. M.

Devotional exercises. Singing by the congregation. Addresses by Rev. Dr. Poor and Rev. E. N. Sawtell. Prayer, by Rev. W. Parker.

Adjourned to 7 1-2 o'clock this evening.

Evening, 7 1-2, o'clock. Singing: prayer, by Rev. Jotham Sewall, Jr.

Addresses were made on *Foreign Missions* by Rev. Wm. Clark, General Agent, Rev. Dr. Poor, of Ceylon, and Rev. Dr. Carruthers.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Poor.

Adjourned to Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, June 28th, 5 1-2 o'clock, A. M. Prayer-meeting.

8 *o'clock*. Reading the Scriptures by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. H. Ilsley.

Rev. Dr. Pond offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the practice of sitting, rather than standing in public prayer, which has been gaining ground in our churches for the last few years, is regarded as unscriptural, unreasonable, irreverent, contrary to the customs of our Puritan fathers, and to the usage of the church in primitive times, and in many ways of injurious influence, Therefore,

Resolved. That it ought in every proper way to be discontinued.

The resolution was referred to the following committee: Rev. Messrs. Dr. Pond, Geo. E. Adams, and J. W. Ellingwood.

The memorials pertaining to Slavery and correspondence with slaveholding Bodies, were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. W. Chickering, Charles Freeman, Benjamin Tappan, D. D., and R. Woodhull. (See Appendix, C.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Report of the Committee of Nominations was accepted and adopted, as follows:

Place of next meeting, SOUTH BERWICK.

n. *of Arrangements.*—Rev. Messrs. B. R. Allen, Jacob C. Goss
Den. John Plummer.

Rev. James Drummond, First Preacher.
Rev. Joseph Loring, Second Preacher.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of New Hampshire.

PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Rev. R. B. Thurston,	Rev. D. M. Mitchell,
Rev. A. Cole,	Rev. S. Tenney.

General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. C. Packard,	Rev. H. M. Stone,
Rev. I. Carlton,	Rev. J. Bartlett.

General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. J. J. Carruthers. D D.,	Rev. A. Brown,
Rev. J. Dodge,	Rev. B. R. Allen.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. J. Blake,	Rev. D. Sewall,
Rev. J. C. Goss,	Rev. J. R. Munsell.

General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. J. Clement, D. D.,	Rev. C. Packard,
Rev. A. P. Chute,	Rev. S. Souther.

General Association of New York.

Rev. S. H. Keeler,	Rev. E. S. Dwight.

General Association of Michigan.

Rev. E. F. Cutter.

General Conference of Wisconsin.

Rev. T. N. Lord.

Congregational Association of Iowa.

Rev. Amasa Loring.

General Assembly, (O. S.)

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,	Rev. Elijah Kellogg,
Bro. Woodbury Storer,	Bro. John McKeen.

General Assembly, (N. S.)

Rev. D. Shepley,	Rev. J. W. Chickering.

Maine Methodist Conference East.

Rev. A. Morton,	Rev. A. Stowell.

Maine Methodist Conference West.

Rev. D. Thurston,	Rev. B. Tappan, D. D.

Maine Baptist Convention.

Rev. J. B. R. Walker,	Rev. J. T. Hawes.

Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. W. V. Jordan, Rev. G. F. Tewksbury.

Publishing Committee.

ev. Messrs. A. Cummings, D. D., J. W. Chickering, and S. H. Hayes.

Committee to visit the Bangor Theological Seminary.

CUMBERLAND—Rev. E. G. Parsons.
FRANKLIN—Rev. D. Clayes.
HANCOCK—Dea. H. J. Darling.
WALDO—Rev. L. Wiswall.
OXFORD—Rev. J. Walker.
LINCOLN—Rev. J. W. Ellingwood.
PISCATAQUIS—Rev. E. Hale.
PENOBSCOT—Rev. T. Smith.
SOMERSET—Bro. Calvin Selden.
UNION—Rev. C. Hurd.
WASHINGTON—Rev. J. H. Stearns.
YORK—Bro. Asa Brown.
AROOSTOOK—Rev. Marcus R. Keep.

Committee on the Sabbath School Cause.
Rev. S. H. Hayes.

REPORTS FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Conference of Wisconsin—by Rev. B. F. Parsons.
Maine Baptist Convention—Rev. E. Gray.
Maine Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. G. F. Cox.
Congregational Evang. Association of the Wabash Valley—Rev. D. Andrews.
Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. D. P. Harriman.
Evang. Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. S. Bean.
General Convention of Vermont—Rev. J. P. Stone.
General Congregational Association of Iowa—Rev. J. C. Holbrook.
General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. I. P. Langworthy.

The Report on the state of religion within the bounds of the Conference, by J. W. Chickering, was accepted for publication.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. S. C. Fessenden and Rev. I. P. Langworthy.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSING SERVICES. 2 o'clock, P. M. Reading the Scriptures and prayer, by Rev. H. E. Parker. Sermon, by Rev. R. Woodhull, from 2 Kings, 6: 16.

Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Dr. Poor, of Ceylon, and Rev. Dr. Carruthers. —— Collection.

The Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Conference express their gratitude to the people of this city, for their fraternal kindness and Christian hospitality; and ardently hope that the precious influences, we trust of the Spirit, which have been manifest during these meetings, may not only accompany those who go, but long and richly bless these churches.

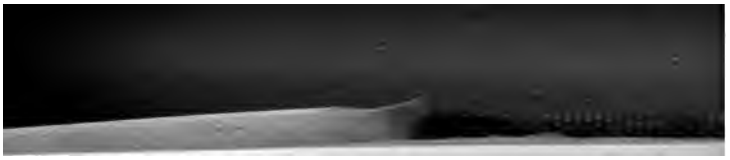
The Conference then adjourned.

The meeting throughout was one of unusual interest, and marked by evident tokens of the Divine presence.

S. H. HAYES, *Rec. Sec'y.*

Bath, June 28th, 1848.

☞ *By a vote of the Conference, the printed Minutes are the certificates to delegates to Corresponding Bodies of their appointment.*



REPORT
On the State of Religion.

JUNE, 1849.

SOME of the Watchmen of our Zion, with a portion of the brethren and sisters who love Zion, and who *are* the Zion that He loves, who looks upon the heart, have again met, to reflect on the past, and to plan for the future. And though the night has not yet so far passed away, that they can see eye to eye, looking across to each other in their distant turrets, through the clear and luminous atmosphere of a spiritual daytime, yet there is, thanks be to the Lord of the sacramental host, no tumultuous sound, either of dissension or of alarm, that should prevent their *hearing* each other, when they send the warder-cry around the whole chain of fortifications,—"Watchman, what of the night?"

The answers to this inquiry declare in substance, as in years past, "The morning cometh, and also the night." Darkness and light still struggle for the mastery. Yet the sun lives; the day is breaking, and an atmosphere, filled with meridian splendor, will yet envelope and refresh and adorn these churches, so long surrounded, many of them, with the chill and gloom of spiritual night. The Lord hasten it in His time!

From the northeastern section of our wide field, we continue to receive encouraging accounts. The Missionaries in AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE are well received, and are diligently casting in the good seed, which the Lord, and not man, can cause to bring forth abundantly. Some fruit is ripening from time to time, though no extensive harvest is reported. The church in

Patten is spoken of as being in an increasingly prosperous state. The cause of temperance is gaining ground in most of the places where ministers labor.

9 churches; 131 members; 2 added by profession, 5 by letter; 3 dismissions; 1 excommunication; 7 baptisms; diminution from last year's report, 24.

The churches in WASHINGTON CONFERENCE are thought to have gained spiritually during the year. Sabbath Schools are manifestly much improved. Congregations are larger and more constant. The church in Calais has made special effort both for themselves and others; establishing a Bethel chapel, and sustaining tract distribution and other plans of usefulness, by the agency of a female Missionary Society—and at the same time expending $4000 on their own house of worship. They have been blessed with several conversions. The church in Cooper has been nearly doubled by the addition of eight persons—the fruits of a religious interest which followed the semi-annual meeting of the County Conference in that place. The church in Machias has been visited for months by the special influence of the Spirit, quietly influencing the hearts of the people of God to more diligent efforts for a godly life; and persuading others also, to a serious and calm consideration of their spiritual welfare, and the means of securing it. Difficulties of years' standing have been adjusted. The church has rest, and is not yet forsaken by those heavenly influences. 14 have been added to this church by profession.

16 churches; 10 pastors; 22 added by profession, 13 by letter; 4 deaths; 6 dismissions; 5 excommunications; 21 baptisms; about 1060 members—being a gain of 13 during the year.

The condition of the churches in HANCOCK COUNTY is, on the whole, encouraging. In Bucksport and West Brooksville, several conversions have occurred, ten or twelve in each. The church in Castine have enlarged their house of worship. A pastor has been settled in Bluehill. Two or three churches have been somewhat refreshed. Sabbath Schools generally flourish: presenting one of the most encouraging features in the

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Sabbath School is viewed with increasing interest and hope. These are temperance churches, but suffer from the bad influence of the lumbering business, which has also a most disastrous effect upon the general observance of the Sabbath, an effect from which the churches are not wholly exempt! Sabbath lumbering is felt to be the crying sin of that part of the State. This is a missionary field, promising to rival in importance, the valley of the Kennebec, and greatly needing more aid in these forming years. Those who depend wholly on labor for their support, pay in many cases twenty or twenty-five dollars to support the Gospel, besides contributions to charitable objects. The church in Bradford has joined this body from the Penobscot Conference. The late meeting was one of deep interest.

13 churches; 7 ministers; 18 added by profession, 13 by letter; 6 deaths; 7 dismissions; 4 excommunications; 15 baptisms; total, 534—a gain of 14.

LINCOLN CONFERENCE has been enlarged by the addition of the 2d church in Boothbay, organized within the year. Three pastors have been dismissed, and three ordained. No revivals; but some cases of conversion, and a growing interest in the Sabbath School. The unusually large number of deaths admonishes to increased watchfulness and zeal.

22 churches; 18 ministers; 28 added by profession, 54 by letter; 43 deaths; 68 dismissions; 8 excommunications; 38 baptisms; total, 2136—37 less than last year.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE is described as one of the feeblest of the sisterhood. But though a feeble body, it is not without a soul. The vital spark of spiritual life still burns. They prize gospel privileges, and manifest an increasing interest in attending public worship. In an unusual degree they are keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. The church in Bingham has been blessed with several hopeful conversions in connection with a union protracted meeting. In Anson, the meeting of the Conference, and services which followed that meeting, were similarly attended with divine power. The church in Bloomfield, after a severe trial from internal difficulties, enjoyed a

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16 churches; 9 ministers; 11 added by profession, 14 by letter; 14 deaths; 12 dismissions; 17 baptisms; total, 1012—the same number as last year.

The OXFORD CONFERENCE has been tried by difficulties in two of the churches, which it is hoped may be healed. From the one at Bethel, a new church has been organized. Sabbath Schools are well sustained, and some conversions have taken place among the scholars. The churches in Gilead and Shelburne have been left destitute. The recent meeting was one of interest, and inspired fresh confidence in the faithful and tender care of the Great Shepherd of Israel.

11 churches; 8 ministers; 15 added by profession, 3 by letter; 11 deaths; 8 dismissions; 20 baptisms; total, 831—*one* less than last year.

The condition of UNION CONFERENCE is essentially the same as last year. Here, as elsewhere, Sabbath Schools are regarded with much interest, and are in a prosperous state. The cause of Temperance is generally, though not universally, progressing. There have been more additions to these churches by profession than in some former years; and the prayer of many is, "O Lord, revive thy work."

13 churches; 11 ministers; added by profession, 9, by letter, 8; deaths, 18; dismissions, 9; excommunications, 1; total, 1105—being a diminution of 11 since last year. No report of baptisms.

In the CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE two pastors have been dismissed, and four settled. All but four of the thirty-three churches have constant preaching. Two houses of worship have been erected—at Gorham and Mechanic Falls. It is lamented that prayer-meetings are so much neglected; while it is spoken of as encouraging, that the mothers and daughters of the church have their special seasons of united worship. Sabbath Schools increasing in numbers and interest, and not without many instances of converting grace.

The churches in Lewiston Falls, Gorham, Gray, and the three in Portland, have been visited by the influences which renew and sanctify; and those in Auburn, North Yarmouth 2d, and Mechanic Falls, with some others, have had some tokens

against, it is hoped, in a zeal.

33 churches; 27 ministers; 72 dismissions; 5 excommunic. of *one*.

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Churches, 26; ministers, 20; dismissions, 32; excommunicati last year.

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Your Secretary ventured to say, two years since, that the spiritual tide had turned. There is no occasion to retract the assertion. The tidal wave is not indeed sudden or high; the flowing is not more rapid than was the reflux, by which these churches had been borne back upon the waves of worldliness, in a process of diminution, we hope not of declension, between 1840 and '47; but the tendency is evidently upward and forward. May we not hope that this improvement—the very features of the case which most tries our faith, and leads the dwellers on some of the shores of our Zion to feel as if their marshes were never again to become navigable and beautified with a full sea covering them, may only betoken the coming of a perpetual flood-tide, to be followed, even down to the millennium, by no disastrous ebbs.

A result so desirable is still further indicated by the increasing interest manifested in Sabbath Schools, and in the children and youth who are the subjects of their hallowed influence, as they are the hope of the church and the glory of the land.

It is a far-seeing policy, and a truly Christian feeling, which strives to make the next generation what the last and the present ought to have been—a seed to serve God, and a generation to his praise.

The number of baptisms, too, steadily though slowly increasing, leads the heart which trusts the promises made to Abraham and his seed, to look in that direction, as to a star of hope.

The spirit of benevolence, identical with the spirit of primitive Christianity, seems also to be somewhat on the increase. A wise philanthropy, which seeks, with a zeal tempered by discretion, to make our countrymen virtuous, intelligent and free, and above all, holy, prevails more and more, though still too feebly cherished and too imperfectly developed.

Another token for good is the increased and more interested attendance upon the means of grace, spoken of in nearly all the Reports. The word and ordinances are the weapons of the

STATISTICAL TABLES.

*—AS REPORTED LAST YEAR. s.s.—STATED SUPPLY.

CUMBERLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths	Dismis.	Excom.		
Auburn,	Thos. G. Mitchell,	1	4		3		92	
Baldwin,							17	
Brunswick,	George E. Adams,	3	2	3	4		200	3
Cape Elizabeth,	R. Parkinson,						37	
Cumberland,	Joseph Blake,		4	4	4		132	5
*Danville,							8	
*Durham,	Jonas Fisk, ss.						40	
Falmouth 1st,	Charles Dame,		1	3			129	3
" 2d,	John Wilde,	2	2	2	3		80	6
Freeport,	Eben. G. Parsons,		2	1	2		199	1
Gorham,	John R. Adams,	16	3	6	3	1	182	21
Gray,	Allen Lincoln,	3		1			54	6
Harpswell,	Elijah Kellogg,						63	
Hebron&WMinot							42	
Lewiston Falls,	James Drummond,	1	6	1	3		96	
Mechanic Falls,	Enos Merrill,		2				37	7
Minot,	Elijah Jones,		1	2	5	1	148	
New Gloucester,	N. A. Prince,		2	3			169	
N. Yarmouth, 1st,		2	1	3	5		266	4
" 2d,	Caleb Hobart,		1	7			90	12
Poland,	Stephen Gould,				6		46	
Portland, 2d,	J J.Carruthers,DD.	7	9	11	11	1	376	9
" 3d,	W. T. Dwight,DD.	8	27	5	4	1	245	
" High St.	J. W. Chickering,	9	7		14	1	351	
* " Abyssin.	A. N. Freeman,						76	
* " Bethel,	D. M. Mitchell,						30	
Pownal,	Wm. V. Jordan,		1	6			135	3
Raymond,				1			11	
Scarborough,	Wm. Tobey,	3		2	1		98	
Standish,	A. D. Harris,		1	1	2		57	
*Westbrook, 1st,	Charles Soule, ss.						60	
* " 2d,							121	
Windham,	Wm. Warren,			1	2		60	
THIRTY-THREE	TWENTY-SEVEN.	55	76	63	72	5	3757	80

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Profes.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Chesterville,	J. H. Conant,			1			48	
Farmington,	I. Rogers,			2			110	
*Fayette,							21	
Industry,	J. Tucker, ss.		2		1		90	
*Kingfield,							10	
*New Portland,							15	
New Sharon,	J. T. Hawes,	1					98	5
New Vineyard,	D. Turner,	13	1	2	2		38	
Phillips,	T. W. Clark,			1			46	
Strong,	W. Davenport, ss.		1	2	6		88	2
Temple,	A. Morton,						90	
Weld,	T. W. Clark, ss.						44	
Wilton,	Jos. Smith, ss.				1		46	
THIRTEEN.	NINE.	14	4	8	10		744	7

KENNEBEC.

*Albion,							21	
* Augusta, North,							35	
Augusta, South,	B. Tappan, D. D.	4	6	3	5		205	11
Gardiner,	Wm. L. Hyde,	1		2			49	2
Hallowell,	Nathan B. Rogers,	2	4	2	2		184	1
*Litchfield,	Timothy Davis,						39	
*Pittston,							62	
*Sidney,							13	
Richmond,	P. F. Barnard,	1					27	1
Sebasticook,	Calvin White, ss.						19	
*Unity,							31	
Vassalboro'				1			34	
Waterville,	Rich. B. Thurston	1	4		1		20	
*Windsor,							28	
Winslow,	Albert Cole,			1	2		76	2
Winthrop,	David Thurston,	2		5	2		169	
SIXTEEN.	NINE.	11	14	14	12		1012	17

HANCOCK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Profes.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Amherst&Aurora	H. S. Loring, ss.				3		27	
Bluehill,	H. M. Stone,			2			134	
Brooksville, W.	M. Ellis, ss.	7			1		48	1
Bucksport,	J. B. R. Walker,	3	2	1		1	171	
Castine,Trin.Ch.,	D. Sewall,			1			90	4
*Deer Isle,	Jona. Adams,						201	
Ellsworth,	S. Tenney,			1			112	
Sedgwick,	M. Ellis, ss.						48	
Sedgwick Village,	J. H. Merrill, ss.	1					22	
Tremont & Mt. Desert,	C. M. Brown,		1	5			111	
TEN.	NINE.	11	4	10	4	1	964	5

WALDO.

Belfast, 1st.	E. F. Cutter,		1	1	3	2	130	
Belfast, North,	S. Souther,	2		1			42	6
Camden,							123	
Frankfort,	S. H. Hayes,	5	6		2		76	7
Jackson&Brooks,	L. Wiswall,				4		72	
Knox & vicinity,							22	
Prospect,	J. Freeman,		1	1	2		50	2
Searsport,	S. Thurston,	5	3	4		2	229	23
Swanville,							30	
NINE.	SIX.	12	11	7	11	4	774	38

OXFORD.

Andover,	Joshua S. Gay,			2			38	1
Bethel,	Charles Frost,	1		1	1		*160	
Dixfield,		1		1			27	3
Gilead,				2			41	
Norway,	Charles Packard,				3		106	
Oxford,	Isaac Carlton,			2	1		58	1
Paris, South,	Joseph Walker,			*1	1		139	1
Rumford,	Eliph.S.Hopkins,			1			79	1
Shelburne, N. H.							10	
Sumner,	Simeon Hackett,			1	1		90	
Turner,	John Dodd, ss.	13	3		1		83	13
ELEVEN.	EIGHT.	15	3	11	8		831	20

LINCOLN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Profes.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Alna,	Samuel Talbot,			1	1		92	2
Bath, Winter-St.,	John O. Fiske,	2	3	6	1		227	5
" Central,	Ray Palmer,	4			1		134	4
Boothbay, 1st.	S. L. Gould, ss,			3	46	6	110	3
" 2d.	G. Gannett,		48				48	
*Bremen,							19	
Bristol,	J. A. Vinton, ss.	2		4	2		80	7
Edgecomb,	Benjamin Dodge,	4		4	2		107	
Jefferson,							9	
Lisbon,				1			23	
Newcastle, 1st.	D. Cushman, ss.						51	
" Damariscotta,	W. Craig, ss.			2	1		90	10
Phipsburg,	—— Pratt,		1	5			235	
Thomaston,	R. Woodhull,	2		1	5	1	115	
East Thomaston,	S. C Fessenden,	1	2			1	63	3
Topsham,	J. Clement, D. D.	3		3			121	4
Union,	Samuel Bowker,	3		1			60	
Waldoboro'	John Dodge,			5	4		205	
Warren,	N. Chapman, ss.			2	2		123	
*Washington,							51	
Wiscasset,	Uriah Balkam,	7		3	2		112	
Woolwich,	J. Sewall, Jr., ss.			2	1		58	
TWENTY-TWO.	EIGHTEEN.	28	54	43	68	8	2136.	38

PISCATAQUIS.

Abbot,				1	1		12	
Atkinson,	Eusebius Hale, ss	2					13	
Blanchard,	Eusebius Hale, ss				1	3	59	
Bradford,	H. White, ss.						24	
Brownville,	Wm. S. Sewall,	1	5	1			60	1
Dexter,	E. G. Carpenter,	7	1				47	6
Exeter, (no report)							19	
Foxcroft & Dover,	W. Parker,	2	2		2	1	109	
Garland,	P. B. Thayer,	5	4	1			47	2
Milo,					1		20	
Monson,	Horatio Ilsley,		1	2	1		85	2
Sangerville,		1					30	4
Sebec,				1	1		9	
THIRTEEN.	SEVEN.	18	13	6	7	4	534	15

PENOBSCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Profes.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Bangor, 1st ch.		14	7	3	19		301	
" Hammond-st.	John Maltby,	13	13	3	13		235	11
" *Central ch.	Geo. Shepard, ss.						26	
" North,							24	
Bradford,	H. White,	1	3				24	
*Burlington,							14	
*Corinna,							12	
Brewer, 1st ch.	N. Dole,	22	1	1	2		108	14
" East,	J. K. Munsell,	1	1	2	3	1	86	
" Village,	T. Smith,	2		1			26	2
Dedham,	L. Goodrich, ss.	1			1		26	3
Dixmont,	Israel Hills, ss.	1					18	
*Glenburn,							10	
Hampden,	J K. Mason,	2	1	2	3	1	85	3
Levant,	C. B. Smith, ss.			1			40	2
Old Town,	S. H. Merrill,	1	3				20	
Orono,	J. A. Perry, ss.			2			56	
Orrington,		1	2				60	1
EIGHTEEN.	TWELVE.	59	31	15	41	2	1171	36

SOMERSET.

Anson,	John Perham, ss.	1		1	1		37	7
Athens,					2		4	
Bingham,	Sydney Turner,	2		1			71	
Bloomfield,	G. W. Hathaway,	12		1	12	1	91	
Cornville,	Geo. W. Fargo, ss.		1				8	
Fairfield,							16	
Flagstaff,							37	
Madison,	John Perham,	1					32	2
Mercer,	Josiah Tucker, ss,	1	2				56	
Norridgewock,	Josiah Peet,	5	2	2	6		94	8
Skowhegan,	Asa T. Loring, ss.				2		13	
Solon Village,	Sydney Turner,ss			1			15	
South Solon,	Asa T. Loring, ss.						40	
St. Albans,	—— Thayer, ss.			1	2		43	1
FOURTEEN.	EIGHT.	22	5	7	25	1	557	19

UNION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Profes.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Albany,	G. F Tewksbury,	2	1	2		1	77	
Bridgton,	C. F. Page,			1	2		93	
" South,*	J. P. Fessenden,						51	
" North,*	L. M. Harris,						48	
Brownfield,	David Gerry,	1		1	1		39	
Denmark,	David Gerry,						39	
Fryeburg,	C. Hurd,	1	1	4			190	
Harrison,	A. P. Chute,	2		1			86	
Hiram,	David Gerry,			1			14	
Lovell,	S. Wentworth, ss.		1	1			76	
Sweden,	J. P. Foster,	2	5				52	
Waterford,	J. A. Douglass,	1		2	4		170	
Otisfield,	J. P. Richurdson,			6	2		170	
THIRTEEN.	ELEVEN.	9	8	19	9	1	1105	

* No returns from North and South Bridgton.

WASHINGTON.

Calais,	S. H. Keeler,		1	1	5		135	
*Cherryfield,	——— Titcomb,ss						14	
Cooper,	A. Morse, ss.	8					18	
Dennysville,	J. H. Stearns,						94	4
Eastport,	H. E. Parker, ss.						84	
*Jonesboro',							15	
*Lubec,							26	
Machias,	A. Brown,	14	10	1		5	161	21
" *East,	J. C. Adams, ss.						160	
" Port,	G. Bacheller,						30	
*Northfield,							21	
Pembroke,	A. Morse, ss.						19	
Perry,	Abijah Stowell,			1	1		120	
Robbinston,	D. B. Sewall,		2	1			71	
*Whiting,							14	
*Whitneyville,	JBWheelwright,ss						36	
SIXTEEN.	ELEVEN.	22	13	4	6	5	1018	25

YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Profes.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Acton,	Stephen Merrill,			2	1	1	73	
Alfred,	John Orr,			1			105	
Biddeford, 1st,	Samuel S. Drake,				5	4	87	5
" 2d.	Thomas N. Lord,	1	9	1	1		116	4
Buxton,	Joseph Bartlett,			3	1		75	4
*Cornish,							12	
Elliot,				2			106	
Kennebunk,	Geo. W. Cressey,	2	2	2	2		83	
" port, 1st,	John Baker,			5			72	
" " South	Geo. A. Bowman,	1	5	1	2		85	5
" " " Union							6	
Kittery,	Reuben Kimball,		1	1			38	
Lebanon,	Joseph Loring,						100	
Limerick,	Charles Freeman,			2	2		87	4
Limington,	John H. Garman,	1		1			91	9
Lyman,	Amasa Loring, ss.		2	2	2		118	1
Newfield,				3	1		73	
Parsonsfield,	Elias Chapman,ss.			1			36	1
Saco,	Edw. S. Dwight,		3	7	1		225	5
Sanford,	Jacob C. Goss,				2		69	
Shapleigh,				1	3	1	19	
South Berwick,	Benj. R. Allen,	2		4	2		131	10
Wells, 1st.	Jas. R. Cushing,		1	2	7		248	2
" 2d.	Benjamin Howe,			1			69	5
York, 1st,			1	5			96	
" 2d,	Morris Holman,			1			27	
TWENTY-SIX.	TWENTY.	7	24	48	32	6	2247	55

AROOSTOOK.

Fort Fairfield,	J. G. Merrill, ss.						11	
Hodgdon,	R W. Emerson,ss.						7	
Houlton,	D. F. Potter, ss.						27	
Letter F.,	J. G. Merrill,						4	
Lincoln,	A. J. Bates,	1	2		2	1	30	
Monticello,	R. W. Emerson,						4	
Patten,	Isaac Weston,		3		1		24	
Salmon Brook,	J. G. Merrill,						8	
Springfield,	J. Eaton, ss.	1					16	
NINE.	SEVEN.	2	5		3	1	131	

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
			Profession.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Aroostook,	9	7	2	5		3	1	131	
Cumberland,	33	27	55	76	63	72	5	3757	80
Franklin,	13	9	14	4	8	10		744	7
Hancock,	10	9	11	4	10	4	1	964	5
Kennebec,	16	9	11	14	14	12		1012	17
Lincoln,	22	18	28	54	43	68	8	2136	38
Oxford,	11	8	15	3	11	8		831	20
Penobscot,	18	12	59	31	15	41	2	1171	36
Piscataquis,	13	7	18	13	6	7	4	534	15
Somerset,	14	8	22	5	7	25	1	557	19
Union,	13	11	9	8	19	9	1	1105	
Waldo,	9	6	12	11	7	11	4	774	38
Washington,	16	11	22	13	4	6	5	1018	25
York,	26	20	7	24	48	32	6	2247	55
FOURTEEN.	223	162	285	265	255	308	38	16981	355

Note. The reader will see some discrepancies between the tabular footings, and the results given in the narrative. The Tables are printed, as they were prepared by the clerks of the several Conferences, it is thought, without any deviation, except transposition of columns, when uniformity required it. Three of the Tables were made out, by the Committee, from as many district returns, and comprise all the items furnished, though in one instance the aggregate of a column is but half of that stated in the return. But the Committee could not tell to which of the churches to assign the omitted numbers. Some of the footings contain more or less than the sum of the figures above them, but are allowed to stand, as likely to be as correct, as the items of which they are made up. The brethren are, generally, less accomplished in statistics, than in the higher essentials of ministerial qualification.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Silas Baker,	Kennebunk-port.
Mighill Blood,	Ellsworth.
Alden B. Boynton,	Wiscasset.
John Boynton,	Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley,	Gorham.
James Carruthers,	Portland.
Asa Cummings, Editor of the Christian Mirror,	Portland.
J. W. Ellingwood,	Bath.
Allen Greely,	Turner.
Eusebius Hale, Missionary,	Piscataquis Co.
H. A. Merrill,	Windham.
Freeman Parker,	Wiscasset.
Enoch Pond, D. D. Prof. in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
John Sawyer,	Garland.
Jotham Sewall, Missionary,	Chesterville.
N. W. Sheldon,	Portland.
George Shepard, D. D. Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
David Shepley,	N. Yarmouth.
D. Talcott Smith, Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
David Starrett,	Augusta.
Thomas C. Upham, D. D. Professor in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, Jr. D. D. President of Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Isaac Weston,	Cumberland.
James Weston,	Standish.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

The Committee to whom was referred "the propriety of making some definite arrangements for the regular and systematic presentation of the claims of benevolent associations in our future meetings, so that more time may be allotted to each in its turn," beg leave to

REPORT

That they have found it impossible to fix upon any division and arrangement of the various benevolent associations into separate classes precisely defining what objects shall occupy the attention of the Conference from year to year. Some of them, like the great first principles of our divine religion, will naturally claim a more frequent consideration than others. Without some portion of time allotted to these in our meetings perhaps every year, we might not feel that we had spoken of what lies nearest our hearts, that we had received the best impulses to piety, that we had done the most in our power for the cause of Christ.

Again, some branches of Christian enterprise will require *special* attention in some years, from special indications in the providence of God; nor is it easy to tell a year beforehand, to what the attention of the Conference will be most imperatively called.

That the claims of all our benevolent associations should be presented before us every year, your Committee are unanimously of opinion would be unwise. The time which could possibly be devoted to some would be so short that no proper explanation of them could be made; no new interest would be awakened in their behalf; and instead of some additional impulse in favor of a few, the tendency of such efforts would be to deaden Christian feeling with regard to all.

It may *seem* invidious from year to year that the consideration of any should be left out. It may be difficult to determine which should be omitted; and in any case the feelings of some may be tried. But your Committee are persuaded that it would be unenlightened policy to attempt to divide the attention of the Conference among them all every year. Christian feeling is not apt to be kindled by naked statistical tables, without any illustration from the details of a work. It is a great disadvantage in a religious meeting to distract the mind with too many themes of thought; and an injury to any religious society to have its claims set forth in so limited a time that by the laws of mind no favorable impression can *be made*.

Your Committee, therefore, are of opinion that sufficient time should be devoted to the consideration of the claims of each benevolent association to awaken, if possible, fresh interest, and to impart valuable information; and that for the present year half an hour at the least should be allowed to each.

As to what particular benevolent associations shall be presented before us from year to year, your Committee see nothing better to recommend than that it be left to the Annual Committee of Arrangements, acting under the general control and with the advice of the Conference. The subject must after all be left to the decision of those who have the man-

agement of affairs from year to year; as of course, no vote of ours now ought to be binding on the Conference in years to come unless it shall then appear best. Whatever subjects it is the general desire to have presented will of course have their place in the regular arrangements for our meetings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. O. FISKE.
R. PALMER.
J. W. ELLINGWOOD.

(B.)

Bangor Seminary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO VISIT THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1848.

Of the Committee appointed to visit the Seminary at Bangor at the last anniversary, there were present in attendance, Rev. Messrs. CUTTER of Belfast, ILSLEY of Monson, BROWN of Machias, DWIGHT of Saco, and CLEMENT of Topsham.

The Report now presented to the Conference embraces the following particulars:

The pecuniary condition of the Seminary may be said, on the whole, to be encouraging; though at the present time it calls for the special care and prompt action of the churches. The entire property belonging to the Institution is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars; consisting in buildings, lands, library, furniture and good notes. The Library has received valuable additions during the past year. Considerable donations in Books have been acknowledged from the Publishing Board of the Old School General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and from the London Religious Tract Society. The Ladies' Sewing Society of Bangor have contributed more than a hundred dollars to the increase of the Library within the last year.

But although the property of the Seminary is so valuable, the present yearly income from the *productive* funds is only about *fifteen hundred dollars*. This is owing to the fact that the Students are not charged for tuition, room rent, the use of the library, boarding-house or Seminary garden. Similar favors are shown to theological Students elsewhere, and are therefore indispensable here. The Seminary is now in debt to the amount of nearly *ten thousand dollars*, most of which is due to the Professors. The Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric is fully endowed, and that of Theology in a way to be without an appeal to the churches; but the Professorship of Sacred Literature needs to be endowed and a chapel to be built; so that not far from *forty thousand dollars* are required to liquidate existing debts and provide for the urgent necessities of the Institution.

Until a more favorable time shall come for the collection of this large sum, it seems necessary that an agent should be sent out to procure temporarily what is needed for the current expenses, that the Seminary be not further burdened with debt. But as soon as practicable, it is hoped that efficient means will be adopted to secure the whole amount requisite to relieve the Seminary from pecuniary embarrassment, and place it in a position to advance in permanent prosperity.

As the churches, therefore, are likely soon to be called upon to contribute liberally to the funds of the Seminary, they have a right to know what grounds they have for believing that their contributions will be given to a worthy object.

Your Committee are gratified in being able to speak on this point with great confidence. In advocating the importance of sustaining the BANGOR SEMINARY in the vigorous prosecution of its design, we ought not to leave out of the account a consideration which applies to all theological seminaries alike. The extraordinary exertions that were commenced more than a quarter of a century ago, to prepare for the ministry as large a number as possible, and with the greatest possible expedition, have been followed by a reaction so great that now our Academies and Colleges tell a mournful tale as to the number of young men in a course of education, who are looking towards the sacred office. It requires but little calculation to learn what must be the consequences at no remote period. Nor do a pious and considerate community need to be repeatedly urged to provide by a wise forethought for that time when the voice will be again heard from the different parts of our Zion, pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he send forth more laborers into the harvest. But to say nothing of this great consideration which belongs to all Theological Seminaries and to the whole world, we may confine ourselves to our own Seminary, and chiefly to our own State. Besides the demands of Foreign Missions, which a Seminary of the right spirit must always regard, and the calls no less imperative that reach us from among the marvels of our spreading western population, and especially from the Tarshish of our continent; besides all this, we are to consider that our own great State is constantly rising in importance and calling upon the friends of undefiled religion to do all in their power to keep full the fountains of religious knowledge. To effect this, we must have a Theological Seminary around which the affections of the churches shall always be rallied. And this Seminary must be kept in circumstances the most favorable for putting forth a salutary and extensive influence.

The present state of the Seminary is such as to warrant the highest expectations of its future usefulness, if it shall receive the requisite sympathy and aid. It has *forty-three students*, six more than in the year previous. In point of numbers it is *second* in New England, and *fourth* in the United States; being exceeded only by the Seminaries of Andover, Princeton and New York.

Of the class which left the Seminary at the last anniversary — *eleven* in all — four have become settled Pastors in Maine, and two are employed as stated supplies; four are laboring in the western country, and one is spending the year at the Seminary.

The expenses attending an education at this Seminary are thought to be less than at other similar Institutions, and the charitable aid afforded quite as great. A happy fraternal feeling is believed to exist among the students, together with some diversity of opinion and much freedom in the earnest discussion of the great doctines of the Gospel. The spirit of piety seems to be cultivated with assiduous and successful care. The location of the Seminary in the heart of a city, and in the midst of a flourishing community, affords opportunity to the students to become acquainted with society in its different forms, and to attend social meetings and otherwise to cherish those habits which may afterwards be of the utmost value in the discharge of pastoral duties. At the same time the number of students is not sufficiently large to furnish that objection to theological training at Seminaries, when compared with a more private preparation for the ministry, which exists in the minds of some portion of the religious community.

The Committee were highly gratified with the appearance of the students under examination, and also with the performances of those who took part in the public exercises of the anniversary. Some of the Committee were never before present at the anniversary of the Seminary, and were consequently enabled to compare appearances there and at other similar Institutions with whose internal character they have been familiar. It is believed that such a comparison does not result in the disparagement of the Seminary of our own State. We cannot but commend the capacity and diligence of those who have been entrusted with the oversight and instruction of this Institution. We cannot but believe that the prosperity of our churches requires its continued and increased efficiency.

Much commendation has justly been bestowed on those who have recently contributed by their influence and their pecuniary aid to the increased usefulness and moral power of our

long established and important literary institution. We can scarcely overrate the importance of a sound moral as well as intellectual training of the young men who resort there for the purpose of preparing themselves for future public life in the different professions and callings.

But will not pecuniary aid be also judiciously bestowed for the purpose of adding to the strength of the Maine ministry? Is not this the fountain whence we must receive, under God, the influences that are required to keep our community in a healthful moral state, and to secure the highest blessings to the generations to come?

It is greatly to be desired that none should be encouraged to go through the Bangor Seminary but such as are promising for their talents, education and piety; and that such should be encouraged and increased in numbers by the munificence of the rich, and above all, by the pouring out of the Spirit on the churches.

JONATHAN CLEMENT,
Chairman of the Committee.

(C.)

Memorial.

The undersigned, members of Congregational Churches connected with the General Conference of Maine, respectfully represent, that the Report adopted by the Conference last year on the subject of continuing fellowship with slaveholders, while it is sufficiently explicit in its condemnation of the sin of slaveholding, fails to express any definite opinion on two questions which we deem very important to a right understanding of the position of the Conference.

I. The Report refers to the declaration of the General Assembly of 1818, "that the voluntary enslaving of men is a gross violation of the most sacred and precious rights of human nature — utterly inconsistent with the law of God," and their declaration of 1846, "that nothing which has been done by that body of late years is inconsistent with the action of 1818," and says, "this declaration furnishes, we think, common ground upon which the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church and the General Conference of Maine can stand together." Now it is well known that these bodies, one of them expressly, and the other in effect, declared that this practice which they deem a gross violation of the most sacred human rights and of the law of God is 'no bar to church communion, and ought not to be made a subject of ecclesiastical discipline.' Now we deem the question whether a gross violation of human rights and of the law of God is a bar to church communion and ought to be made a subject of discipline, as important to the honor and purity of Christ's Church as the question whether slaveholding is such a violation. The Report expresses no opinion on the former question, and we are not aware that this Conference has ever expressed an opinion upon it. We therefore respectfully request the Conference to declare distinctly its opinion whether slaveholding ought or ought not to be made a "bar to church communion and a subject of discipline," so that it may be known whether this Conference stands on common ground with those bodies on this question.

II. While the Report decided in favor of continuing the present relations with those churches, "at least for the present," it says nothing which enables us to determine *certainly* whether it is or is not the intention of Conference to continue them *permanently*. The principal reasons alleged for the continuance, viz: — that a large portion of those churches are

not slaveholders — that they adhere to the declaration of 1818 — and that by withdrawing we shall cut ourselves off from all opportunity to admonish them — will probably hold good for years to come as they have for years past. And we find no intimations of a design to withdraw fellowship in case our admonitions fail to effect the object. The natural inference, we think, is, that the Conference designs to continue the present connexion while those churches hold their present relations to slavery. But as there were some reasons to doubt this, we would respectfully but earnestly request the Conference in some way to declare distinctly whether it is, or is not, their opinion that this expression of fellowship should cease in case those churches disregard our admonition and continue their present relations to slavery; so that those interested may know what to expect, and whether by continuing connected with the Conference they shall be held in their present relations of fellowship with slaveholders.

DAVID THURSTON.
JOHN PERHAM.
LUTHER WISWALL.
J. T. HAWES.

STANDING RULES.

1. At the appointed time for the meeting of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution; or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the Delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of Officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of Committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference a First and Second Preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The Roll shall then be called at the close of the First Session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement or commitment.

9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference, a brief account of the meetings of the religious societies, which hold their anniversaries in connection with the Conference.

10. A publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

ART. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen:—and four delegates from each County Conference, which has less than twenty churches, two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers and delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of Corresponding Bodies, preachers and Committees for the time for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. XI. The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent Session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

Annual Meeting in South Berwick,

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THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING of the Conference will be held in Yarmouth, on Tuesday, June 24, 1851.

Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, Tuesday evening.

Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday, June 25, at 9 o'clock, A. M

Meetings of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society,—and of the Maine Seamen's Union, will also be held.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE of Maine met at South Berwick June 25, 1850, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The County Conferences were represented as follows:

YORK—Rev. Messrs. E. Chapman, Amasa Loring, John Baker; Bros. S. C. Adams, Charles Shapleigh, W. B. Sewall.

CUMBERLAND—Rev. Messrs. E. Merrill, R. Parkinson; Bro. Samuel N. Beale.

KENNEBEC—Rev. Messrs. S. Clark, W. L. Hyde.

SOMERSET—Rev. G. W. Hathaway.

PENOBSCOT—Rev. Messrs. J. R. Munsell, G. B. Little; Bro. William Vose.

FRANKLIN—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Conant, William Davenport.

UNION—Rev. Messrs. P. Foster, David Gerry; Dea. N. A. Bradbury.

OXFORD—Rev. Alfred Morse; Bro. J. S. Keith.

LINCOLN—Rev. Messrs. S. Bowker, J. O. Fisk, U. Balkam.

HANCOCK—Rev. Messrs. D. Sewall, H. M. Stone; Bro. J. H. Jarvis.

WALDO—Rev. Messrs. J. Freeman, S. Souther; Bro. Benjamin Shaw.

PISCATAQUIS—Rev. E. Hale.

WASHINGTON—Rev. D. B. Sewall; Deacons Geo. Downs, Geo. A. Peabody.

AROOSTOOK—Rev. D. F. Potter; Bro. J. M. True.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. Ray Palmer, *Moderator;* Rev. Messrs. J. W. Chickering, S. H. Hayes, *Secretaries;* Rev. Messrs. J. Bartlett, J. Blake, E. Pond, D. D., G. E. Adams, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, E. G. Parsons, D. Clayes, J. Smith, Charles Freeman, B. Tappan, D. D., R. Woodhull, J. T. Hawes.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Gen. Assoc. of Massachusetts, - - - - - -	Rev. O. Sikes.
Gen. Assoc. of New Hampshire, - - - - - -	Rev. J. T. McCollom.
Maine Meth. Conference, - - - - - - - -	Rev. J. H. Jennes.
Evangelical Consociation of R. I., - - - - -	Rev. J. P. Cleveland, D. D.
Old School General Assembly, - - - - - -	Rev. Hugh N. Wilson.
Maine Baptist Convention, - - - - - - - -	Rev. J. R. Scott.

MINUTES OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

Rev. Wm. Clark,	District Secretary A. B. C. F. M.
Rev. Geo. Oviatt,	Am. Sunday School Union.
Rev. Asa Bullard,	Mass. S. S. Society.
Rev. H. Loomis,	Sec. Am. Seamen's Friend Society.
Rev. Joseph Tracy,	Sec. Mass. Col. Society.
Rev. S. L. Pomroy,	Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Rev. G. L. Hovey,	Agent Am. and For. Christian Union.
Rev. John Ferguson,	Agent Am. Tract Society.

TUESDAY, A. M., 9 o'clock. The Conference opened its session with eading the Scriptures, and Prayer, by the Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Enos Merrill, E. Jones, and E. G. Parsons, were appointed a Committee of Nominations.

The Delegate from this Conference to the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. J. Bartlett, made his report.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Rev. D. Shepley, Delegate to the N. School General Assembly, not aving returned, reported by letter.

Evangelical Clergymen present, whether of our own or other denominations, were invited to sit at this Conference as honorary members.

The Subject of Statistics was called up,—the former Committee, appointed in 1848, discharged at their request; and Rev. Messrs. Souther nd Dole, and Bro. E. F. Duren, were appointed a Committee, to whom was again referred.

Rev. E. Pond, D. D., Chairman of the Committee on posture in rayer, presented an able report, which the Conference voted to place n file for the use of the members.

A Sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Fisk, from John 9: 4.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

P. M. The Conference resumed its session. Devotional meeting. ne half hour. Singing by the choir; prayer by Rev. J. Rogers; addresses ere made by Rev. Messrs. J. R. Adams, J. Dodge, and G. E. Adams, . D. Prayer by Rev. J. Sewall, Sen.

Rev. J. H. Jennes, delegate from the Maine Methodist Conference ndered the Christian salutations of that body, and made a fraterns ldress.

The duty of the Church to its baptised children, was presented b ev. Asa Bullard, of Mass.

The moral and religious bearing upon Africa, of the settlement of h

Western coast by her own children from this country, was presented by Rev. Mr. Tracy, Secretary of the Mass. Colonization Society.

MAINE SEAMEN'S UNION.

The closing hour of the afternoon was appropriated to the seamen's cause, in connection with the Maine Seamen's Union. The report of that society was presented by the Secretary, Rev. J W. Chickering, and was followed by Rev. H. Loomis, Secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Tuesday evening. Prayer by Rev. R. Woodhull. Sermon by Rev. A. Cummings, D. D., from Eph. 4: 15

Collection.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Officers.—Rev. B. Tappan. D. D., *President;* Dea. S. Adams, *Vice President;* Rev. J. R. Adams, *Secretary;* Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, *Treasurer, pro. tem.;* Stephen Sewall, Esq., *Auditor.*

Rev. E. G. Carpenter,—Preacher, | Rev. J. Wilde,—Substitute.

Wednesday, 5 o'clock, A. M. Prayer meeting, one hour.

8 o'clock.—The session was opened by reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The Conference voted to appoint a committee, to report at the next Annual Conference, a plan for the establishment of a Standing Committee of Nominations; and Rev. Messrs. G. E. Adams, D. D., W. L. Hyde and J. Sewall, Jr., were appointed.

The Conference then gave way for the meeting of the Me. Mis. Soc.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the President of the Society,—Rev. Dr. Dwight—the annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Carruthers, from 1st Cor. 1: 18.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The report of the Trustees was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, the Corresponding Secretary, and on motion of Rev. A. Cole, was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. A. Cole, J. P. Cleveland, D. D., and S. L. Pomroy, D. D.

A Collection was taken, amounting to $80 41.

OFFICERS.

Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., President, | W. Swan, Esq., Treasurer,
Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Vice President, | Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Cor. & Rec. Sec.

TRUSTEES.

President, *ex off.*, | Rev. J. W. Chickering,
Rev. D. Thurston, | Rev. D. Shepley,
Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., | Rev. E. F. Cutter,
Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, | Rev. I. Rogers,
Rev. E. Pond, D. D., | Rev. S. Thurston,
W. Swan, Esq.

Auditors,— W. C. Mitchell, and W. D. Little, Esquires.

Preachers,— Rev. J. A. Douglass, 1st— Rev. E. S. Dwight, 2d.

Rev. J. R. Adams was appointed a Committee to tender to Rev. Dr. Carruthers the thanks of the Society for his able sermon, and request a copy for publication.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of revising the Constitution, not being prepared to report, were re-appointed and instructed to report at the next meeting. Rev. Messrs E. F. Cutter, J. W. Ellingwood, and Charles Freeman, constitute this Committee.

The next annual meeting will be held at Yarmouth, on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1851.

Wednesday, P. M., 1 1-2 o'clock. The Session was opened with prayer by Rev. G. W. Hathaway.

The Nominating committee offered the following report which was accepted.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. D. M. Mitchell,	Rev. J. Walker.
Rev. Sewall Tenney,	Rev. C. Hobart.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. A. Brown,	Rev. John Wilde,
Rev. B. R. Allen.	Rev. W. Craig.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Rev. H. M. Stone,	Rev. P. F. Barnard,
Rev. A. Loring,	Rev. C. Dame.

CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND.

Rev. J. R. Munsell,	Rev. J. R. Adams,
Rev. D. B. Sewall,	Rev. L. Wiswall.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Rev. E. S. Dwight,	Rev. Stephen Thurston,
Rev. S. Souther,	Rev. N. Chapman.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

Rev. G. E. Adams, D. D.	Rev. J. Orr.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.

Rev. Daniel Sewall.	—— ——

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF WISCONSIN.

Rev. W. L. Hyde.	—— ——

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.

Rev John Perham.	—— ——

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (O. S.)

Rev E. Kellogg,	Rev. J. O. Fisk,
Bro John Mc'Keen,	Dea, Samuel Adams.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (N. S.)

Primaries.	*Substitutes.*
Rev. J. W. Chickering,	Rev. N. Balkam.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE EAST.

Rev. S. A. Stowell,	Rev. T. Smith.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE WEST.

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D.,	Rev. G. W. Cressey.

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. G. W. Hathaway,	Rev. N. Dole.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Rev. G. W. Tewksbury,	Rev. A. Lincoln.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Messrs. A. Cummings, D. D., J. W. Chickering, and S. H. Hayes.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

York — Rev. John Baker,	*Cumberland* — Rev. W. T. Dwight, D D.
Oxford — Rev. J. Dodd.	*Union* — Rev. J. A. Douglass.
Lincoln — Rev. J. Sewall, Jr.	*Kennebec* — Bro. Williams Emmons.
Somerset — Rev. J. Tucker.	*Franklin* — Rev. I. Rogers.
Piscataquis — Rev. W. S. Sewall.	*Penobscot* — Rev. S. H. Merrill.
Waldo — Bro. Benjamin Shaw.	*Hancock* — Rev. J. G. Merrill.
Washington — Dea. George Downs.	*Aroostook* — Rev. A. J. Bates.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. S. H. Hayes.

COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF MINISTERS.

Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., Rev. A. Cummings, D. D.,
Rev. E. Pond, D. D., Rev. B. Tappan, D. D.,
Rev. R. Palmer.

Place of meeting for the next Conference, at Yarmouth, on Tuesday, before the fourth Wednesday in June, 1851.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Messrs. E. K. Alden, C. Hobart, and Bro. J. G. Loring.
Preacher — Rev. J. Loring. *Substitute* — Rev. J. Maltby.

The Report of the Bangor Theological Seminary was read by Rev. E. G. Parsons, Chairman of the Committee, and after some remarks by Rev. S. Thurston, explaining further the wants of the Seminary, it was accepted.

THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The report was read by Rev. G. E. Adams, D. D.; and addresses were made by Rev. J. T. McCollom, and Rev. E. Pond, D. D.

OFFICERS.

Rev. D. Thurston — President. Rev. E. Pond, D. D. — Vice President.
Rev. G. E. Adams, D. D. — Secretary.
Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. W. Ellingwood, B. Tappan, D. D., A. Cummings, D. D., D. Shepley, and R. Palmer — Trustees. Joseph McKeen, Esq. — Auditor.

Singing by the choir.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was presented by the Committee on that subject, Rev. S. H. Hayes, and addresses were made by Rev. Geo. A. Oviatt, and Rev. Asa Bullard, Sec. of the Mass. S. S. One hour was devoted to this subject.

Singing by the choir.

The claims of the American Tract cause were presented by Rev. John Ferguson, agent of that society.

The remaining part of the public services of the afternoon was occupied by Rev. Geo. L. Hovey, agent of the Am. and For. Christian Union.

Singing by the choir.

The Committee on the memorial on Slavery presented a report, which was accepted.

The Conference then adjourned to half past seven in the evening.

Wednesday evening, 7 1-2 oclock.—Meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions.

Prayer was offered; after which the time was employed by Rev. Dr. Pomroy, in giving a general view of the field under the direction of the American Board.

Thursday morning, 5 o'clock. Prayer meeting.

At 8 o'clock; business session opened with reading the Scriptures, and prayer, by Rev. J. T. Hawes.

The Committee on Statistics reported in part, and proposed to forward to each Association in the State, a copy of a schedule which is soon to be prepared for their examination.

VOTED,—To issue the Minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each Minister, a copy, by mail.

A communication from the Delegate of the General Association of Michigan was read to the Conference.

Report of the General Association of Massachusetts, by Rev. O. Sikes.

Report of the Maine Baptist Convention, by Rev. J. R. Scott.

Report of the General Association of New Hampshire, by Rev. J. T. McCollom.

Report of the Consociation in Rhode Island, by Rev. J. P. Cleveland, D. D.

Report of the Old School General Assembly, by Rev. Hugh N. Wilson.

Singing by the choir.

Report on the state of religion within the bounds of the Conference, by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. W. Chickering.

Addresses by Rev. Horace James, of Mass., and Rev. Dr. Cleveland, of Rhode Island.

Adjourned.

P. M., 2 1-2 o'clock. The closing exercises of the conference. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. K. Alden. Sermon by Rev. J. Drummond, from Ps. 121: 1.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Messrs. J. W. Ellingwood, and Hugh N. Wilson, delegate from the Old School General Assembly.

Collection, $40.

On Motion of Rev. Dr. Tappan, the thanks of the Conference were expressed to the citizens of South Berwick and vicinity, for their generous and christian hospitality; and also to the choir for their excellent music on this occasion.

Adjourned.

The weather was most delightful, and the meeting was felt by all to be one of great interest and profit.

South Berwick, June 27, 1850. S. H. HAYES, *Rec. Sec'y.*

☞ By Vote of the Conference, the printed Minutes are the credentials of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

REPORT

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

For want of space, only an outline of the Report can be here given.

The General Conference of Maine comprises fourteen local Conferences, with 222 Churches, 156 ministers, and 16,878 members.

Aroostook Conference is composed of nine churches, supplied in part by four ministers; one constantly, the others, on an average, about one third of the time.

"In this County," say our brethren, "we have great encouragement to labor. We have territory enough, people enough, willing hearers enough,—but the "laborers are few." Much land yet remains to be possessed, as none can doubt after riding a three day's journey to attend one of our Conferences, as several of our own ministers and delegates have done the present year.

Added, 6; died, 1; dismissed, 2; excluded, 1; total, 132—2 more than last year.

Washington Conference includes 16 churches, 10 of which are supplied; Rev. Mr. Parker having left Eastport during the year.

A very interesting work of divine grace has been witnessed at Annsburg, a small village, where Rev. Mr. Titcomb, of Cherryfield, has labored part of the time. Fifteen are now indulging hope in Christ.

The church in Dennysville has been deeply afflicted by the hand of death, and blessed with a precious work of grace.

The church in Robbinston has been greatly revived, and blest with several conversions. Some quickenings and several conversions are reported also from the church in Pembroke.

A still more extensive work is reported in Calais, where 70 or 80 in the several denominations have been hopefully converted.

Received to these churches, by profession, 10; by letter, 13; died, 13; dismissed, 10; excluded, 7; baptisms, 16; total, 1011—7 less than last year.

Hancock Conference comprises 10 churches, all of which are supplied—the only Conference of which this can be said.

Received by profession, 13; by letter, 11; dismissed, 19; died, 14; excluded, 2; baptisms, 25; total, 943—19 less than last year.

WALDO CONFERENCE consists of 9 churches, 7 of which are supplied.

The church in Camden has been much revived. The number in the Sabbath School who indulge hope is from 20 to 30 — in all the congregation, nearly 40 youths and adult persons.

Some interest has been awakened, and a few conversions have occurred, in Knox, Prospect, and Searsport.

At Frankfort Mills, recently called the Marsh, a union house of worship has been erected. The Sabbath School numbers 100.

Received by profession, 13; by letter, 7; died, 11; dismissed, 13; baptisms, 23; total, 772 — 6 less than last year.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE embraces 17 churches, 13 of which are supplied. Three pastors have been settled during the year; and two others, it is hoped, will soon be installed. Conversions have occurred in many congregations, nine of the churches having received members by profession. In Dedham, one-eighth of the whole congregation have professed hope in Christ. Four members of one class in the Sabbath School there, now stand propounded for admission to the church.

Received by profession, 25; letter, 36; dismissed, 43; died, 22; excluded, 1; baptisms, 23; total, 1109 — 5 less than last year.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE includes 13 churches, 7 of which are supplied. Revivals are reported as having been enjoyed in Atkinson, Bradford, Blanchard, Foxcroft & Dover, and Monson.

The additions by profession are 84 — a much larger number than has ever been reported before in any one year. There are others yet to be gathered in as the fruits of these revivals.

Received by profession, 84; letter, 28; died, 11; dismissed, 21; excluded, 4; baptisms, 52; total, 606 — 76 more than last year.

LINCOLN CONFERENCE includes 22 churches, and 18 ministers.

The church at Damariscotta has enjoyed a refreshing from on high, within the past few months; as have also the First and Second churches in Boothbay. The churches in Edgecomb and Waldoboro have enjoyed a like precious blessing.

During the year two pastors have been dismissed and one has been settled.

Received by profession, 58; by letter, 28; died, 26; dismissed, 29; excluded, 10; baptisms, 49; total, 2,138 — 21 more than last year.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE contains 14 churches, 8 of which are supplied.— Several have been blessed with revivals of religion. An interesting work of grace followed the semi-annual meeting of this body, at St. Albans.

Received by profession, 26; by letter, 11; died, 4; dismissed, 12; baptisms, 21; total, 560 — 21 more than last year.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE embraces 13 churches, 9 of which are supplied. General prosperity has marked the year, though there is much feebleness among the churches. A few conversions have occurred in Chesterville, Farmington, and Industry. At Strong, a new meeting house has been dedicated to the Lord, and He has owned the gift, and made it the birth-place of souls. The Spirit has been poured out, and 30 have, it is hoped, passed from death unto life. 20 united with that church on one Sabbath — the whole number before being 88.

Received by profession, 31; by letter, 7; died, 6; dismissed, 17; excluded, 4; baptisms, 15; total 758 — 12 more than last year.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE numbers 17 churches, only 8 of which are supplied. One new church has lately been formed — the Second, in Pittston — with 15 members, of whom 14 came from the First church. Several of these churches are feeble, and have had but little preaching. Some interest has existed in Winthrop, and two have made a public profession.

The church in Hallowell has been greatly afflicted in the death of their recently settled pastor, but comforted and blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Received by profession, 49; by letter, 16; died, 19; dismissed, 19; total, 1074 — 27 more than last year.

OXFORD CONFERENCE includes 11 churches — 9 supplied. Rev. Mr. Frost, of the First church, in Bethel, has been removed by death. Rev. Mr. Packard has been dismissed from Norway. In the church in Turner, eleven have been added by profession, all from the Sabbath School.

Received by profession, 14; by letter, 5; dismissed, 5; died, 12; excluded, 2; baptisms reported, 4; total, 831 — same as last year.

UNION CONFERENCE contains 13 churches, 8 of which are supplied. Some special interest has existed in several of the churches, particularly in Sweden. Two pastors have been dismissed, and one settled.

Received by profession, 3; died, 3; dismissed, 11; excluded, 1; total, 1091 — 12 less than last year.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE embraces 32 churches, 25 of these are regularly supplied.

In several of the congregations, cases of hopeful conversion are reported; especially in Gray, Lewiston Falls, N. Yarmouth, Freeport, Yarmouth, and Portland. Two pastors have been dismissed, and two settled. Rev. Mr. Tobey, of Scarboro', has rested from his labors.

Received by profession, 66; by letter, 64; died, 48; dismissed, 49; excluded, 13; baptisms 79; total, 3749 — 20 more than last year.

YORK CONFERENCE comprises 26 churches, 20 of which are supplied. Pastors have been dismissed from Kittery, Sanford, and the Second church

in Wells. Rev. Mr. Newman has been installed pastor of the First church in York, and released from his labors by death, since our last meeting. Pastors have been installed at Newfield and Kennebunk-port, Second church. Several of the churches have grown by the natural law of the church's growth — by occasional additions from without.

Received by profession, 19; by letter, 20; dismissed, 28; died, 35; excluded, 4; baptisms, 27; total, 2110 — 28 loss than last year.

After reporting for six successive years, losses amounting to nearly 1000, in all, we have now the pleasure to know that there has been a gain this year of more than one hundred members. We may indeed hope that the years of spiritual famine have gone by; and that more than seven years of plenty are before us. A few reminiscences may be instructive and encouraging.

From the organization of the Conference, in 1824, a period of 19 years, there was a steady increase in the number of members, reaching to 18,500. Then followed 6 years of diminution, the whole number added by profession falling in some instances below 150. In 1848 we had fewer names on our records, by about 1000, than in 1843, This year 417 have been added by profession, and our whole number is larger by 109 than last year.

How easy is it for God to make such windows in the spiritual heavens, that all this loss should be *soon* made up, and such a gain shown, both in numbers and in grace, as our faith now dares not lift up its eyes, even to look for. Several times in the history of this Conference, there has been an increase of 1000 members a year. In 1830, at the meeting in Winthrop, there were reported a few over 9,000; the next year the number was 10,000; and the year following, more than 12,000 — making in two years a gain of more than three times our loss for six years. More than 2,200 were added by profession in one year, nearly double all our additions by profession in these six lean years, which have been only 1310.

Brethren, is the Lord's arm shortened? Is His ear heavy? But what does He hear? What *shall* He hear from our closets and from our hearts? Let us hear Him saying, "According to your faith be it unto you."

STATISTICAL TABLES.

*—AS REPORTED LAST YEAR. S. S.—STATED SUPPLY.

CUMBERLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Auburn,	John Elliot, ss.	4	3			1	98	
Baldwin,	Cyril Pearl,						*17	
Brunswick,	Geo. E. Adams, D.D.		3	2	2		199	1
Cape Elizabeth,	R. Parkinson,	1	3	3		2	36	8
Cumberland,	Joseph Blake,			1			131	5
Durham,	Jonas Fisk,		2	1			45	
Falmouth, 1st,	Charles Dame,			3	1		125	5
Falmouth, 2d,	John Wilde,			2			78	2
Freeport,	Eben. G. Parsons,			5			194	
Gorham,	John R. Adams,	1	3	3	6		177	5
Gray,	Allen Lincoln,	4	1	1	1	2	57	5
Harpswell,	Elijah Kellogg,						*63	
Lewiston Falls,	James Drummond,	14	12	2	4		115	6
Mechanic Falls,	Enos Merrill,		4				41	
Minot,	Elijah Jones,						*148	
New Gloucester,	N. A. Prince,	1	2	3	6		161	
Yarmouth,	Edmund K. Alden,	1	4	6	3		255	
North Yarmouth,	Caleb Hobart,	4		1			93	4
Poland,	Stephen Gould,						45	
Portland, 2d,	J. J. Carruthers, D.D.	10	5	4	3	1	383	11
Portland, 3d,	W. T. Dwight, D.D.	6	7	3	6	3	246	6
Portland, High st.	J. W. Chickering,	19	11	4	7	2	368	17
" Abyssinian,	A. N. Freeman,						*76	
" Bethel,							*30	
Pownal,	Wm. V. Jordan,		3	3	2	1	132	4
Raymond,							*11	
Scarborough.							*98	
Standish,							*57	
Westbrook, 1st,							60	
Westbrook, 2d,							*121	
Windham,				1	2		53	
West Minot,	Thos. G. Mitchell, ss.	1	1		6	1	32	
THIRTY-TWO.	TWENTY-FIVE.	66	64	48	49	13	3745	79

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Chesterville,	J. H. Conant,	1				2	47	1
Farmington,	I. Rogers.	1		1			111	
Fayette,	J. H. Conant, ss.						21	
Industry,	J. Tucker, ss.	2			7		85	
Kingfield,							10	
New Portland,							15	
New Sharon,	J. T. Hawes,	1		1			98	
New Vineyard,	D. Turner,		2	1			39	
Phillips,		1	2				49	1
Strong,	W. Davenport,	22	2		3		109	13
Temple,	A. Morton,			2	5	2	81	
Wilde,	I.B.Wheelwright,ss.		1	1			44	
Wilton,		3			2		47	
THIRTEEN.	EIGHT.	31	7	6	17	4	756	15

KENNEBEC.

*Albion,							21	
*Augusta, North,							35	
Augusta, South,	B. Tappan, D.D.	32	3	4	1		235	
Gardiner,	Wm. L. Hyde,	1	7		6		56	2
Hallowell,		11	5	6	5		189	3
Litchfield,	Timothy Davis,	3		1			58	2
Pittston, 1st,	S. Clark, ss.			2			42	
Pittston, 2d,	S. Clark, ss.						15	
Sidney,							12	
Richmond,	P. F. Bernard,						27	1
*Sebasticok,							19	
*Unity,							31	
Vassalboro',				1			34	
Waterville,	R. B. Thurston,						37	
*Windsor,							28	
Winslow,	A. Cole,			1	3		72	
Winthrop,	D. Thurston,	2	1	5	4	1	163	
SEVENTEEN.	EIGHT.	49	16	19	19	1	1074	8

HANCOCK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Aurora & Amherst	H. S. Loring, ss.						27	
Bluehill,	H. M. Stone,				10	1	95	
Bucksport,	J. B. R. Walker,	8	1	5	4		171	2
West Brooksville,	J. G. Merrill,	2	5	1	2		53	
Castine, Trin. Ch.,	D. Sewall.		1	1	2	1	86	
Deer Isle,	J. Adams, ss.			3	1		195	10
Ellsworth,	S. Tenney,			1			111	11
Sedgwick,	M. Ellis, ss.						48	
Sedgwick Village,	J. H. Merrill, ss.	3	4				29	2
Tremont & Mt. Desert,	C. M. Brown, ss.			3			128	
TEN	TEN	13	11	14	19	2	943	25

WALDO

Belfast, 1st,	E. F. Cutter,			3			127	
Belfast, North,	S. Souther.	1	1	1			42	
Camden,	B. C. Chase,						120	
Frankfort,	S. H. Hayes,	1	1	1	2		76	
Jackson & Brooks,	L. Wiswall,	4	1	1	4		78	1
Knox & vicinity,				1	1		20	4
Prospect,	J. Freeman,	2		1	1		50	2
Searsport,	S. Thurston,	5	4	2	5		231	16
Swanville,				3			28	
NINE.	SEVEN.	13	7	13	13		772	23

OXFORD.

Andover,	Joshua S. Gay,		1				39	3
Bethel,	J. H. M. Leland,		1	2			112	
Dixfield,		1	1				29	
Gilead,				1		1	39	
Norway,	H. M. Strong, ss.		1	3			104	
Oxford,	Isaac Carlton,		1		1		52	
Paris, South,	Joseph Walker,		2	4	2		135	1
Rumford,	Eliph. S. Hopkins,			1			77	
Shelburne, N. H.							10	
Sumner,	Simeon Hackett,			1			90	
Turner,	John Dodd, ss.	11			2	1	90	
ELEVEN.	EIGHT.	12	7	12	5	2	777	4

LINCOLN.

RCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
	S. Talbot,			1			91	
Winter St.,	J. O. Fiske,	5	3	4	6	1	223	13
Central,	Ray Palmer,	4					140	
ay, 1st,	S. L. Gould, ss.	4	3	3	10	5	100	7
ay, 2d,		7	10				57	
n,	D. Cushman, ss.						17	
	C. Morgridge, ss.	2		1			81	
mb,					2		105	8
son,							9	
n,							23	
stle, 1st,	D. Cushman, ss.			1	1	2	48	
stle, 2d,	W. Craig,	18	11	2	2		115	
burg,							235	
ston,	R. Woodhull,			3			115	2
homaston,	S. C. Fessenden,	2	1				66	
m,	J. Clement, D.D.	3		1	1		120	
	S. Bowker,	3		1	1		61	9
boro',	John Dodge,	2		2	2	2	193	8
,	N. Chapman, ss.	3		2	1		124	
set,	Uriah Balkam,	3		2	1		112	
ich,	J. Sewall, ss.	2		1			59	
gton,	N. W. Sheldon, ss.			2	2		44	2
TY-TWO.	EIGHTEEN.	58	28	26	29	10	2138	49

PISCATAQUIS.

							12	
on,	E. Hale, ss.	20			1		30	13
ard,	J. A. Perry, ss.	12	2	1	6	2	65	12
d,	E. Hale, ss.	5	1	1	3		26	2
rille,	Wm. S. Sewall,	4		1			63	6
		2	3	3			49	2
(no report)							19	
ft & Dover,	W. Parker,	23	9	1	4		132	
i,	P. B. Thayer,	6	5		1	1	62	7
					1		17	
,	Horatio Ilsley,	12	8	3	3		99	10
rille,				1	2	1	23	
							9	
STEEN.	SEVEN.	84	28	11	21	4	606	52

PENOBSCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Bangor, 1st.	Geo. B. Little,		7	5			288	
Bangor, H. St.,	John Maltby,	9	8	4			239	
Bangor, North,							26	1
Bangor Central,	Prof. Shepard,						26	
Brewer, 1st,	Nathan Dole,				3		95	5
Brewer, East,	J. R. Munsell,	2		3		1	90	2
Brewer, Village,	T. Smith,		2				29	6
Burlington,							14	
Corinna,							12	
Dedham,	Lewis Goodrich,	4	3				23	7
Dixmont,	Israel Hills, ss.						17	
Glenburn,		2	3				13	
Hampden,	J. K. Mason,			4	4		79	2
Levant,	C. B. Smith,	3	4				45	
Old Town,	S. H. Merrill,						20	
Orono,	Rev. Mr. Clapp, ss.			3	5		46	
Orrington,	F. Davis, ss.	1	1		1		57	
SIXTEEN,	TWELVE.	25	36	22	43	1	1083	23

SOMERSET.

Anson,	John Perham, ss.	6					42	5
Athens,							4	
Bingham,	Sydney Turner,			1	3		67	
Bloomfield,	G. W. Hathaway,	10		1			91	
Cornville,	G. W. Fargo, ss.						8	
Fairfield,							16	
Flagstaff,							37	
Madison,	John Perham,	2	1				35	
Mercer,	Josiah Tucker, ss.			1			54	
Norridgewock,	Josiah Peet,		3		4		93	10
Skowhegan,	Asa T. Loring, ss.	4	6		2		21	5
Solon Village,	Sydney Turner, ss.				1		11	
South Solon,	Asa T. Loring, ss.	4	1	1			39	1
St. Albans,	P. B. Thayer, ss.						42	
THIRTEEN.	EIGHT.	26	11	4	12		560	21

UNION.

IES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
	G. F. Towksbury,						77	
							93	
gton,	I.. Harris,						48	
gton,	J. P. Fessenden,				2		49	
,	D. Gerry,				4		36	
							39	
							14	
	Chas. Packard,			1	3		83	
	S. Wentworth, ss.,						76	
	C. Hurd,						190	
	J. P. Richardson,	1			2		165	
	J. P. Foster,	2		2		1	51	7
	J. A. Douglass,						170	
:N.	EIGHT.	3		3	11	1	1091	7

WASHINGTON.

	S. H. Keeler,						135	
d,	Philip Titcomb, ss.		2				23	
	A. Morse, ss.				4		16	
?,	J. H. Stearns,	2	1	2			95	3
	E. G. Carpenter, ss.			1			83	
',							15	
							26	
	A. Brown,	3	1	3			162	4
'East,	J. C. Adams, ss.						160	
?ort,	G. Bacheller,			3		1	56	
l,							21	
	A. Morse, ss.						29	
	Abijah Stowell,			3	2	3	112	
,	D. B. Sewall,				2	3	65	
							14	9
ille,	J.B.Wheelwright, ss.						36	
N.	ELEVEN.	5	4	12	8	7	1038	16

YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Acton.	Stephen Merrill,	1	2	1	1		70	
Alfred,	John Orr,	3	1	2	1		107	2
Biddeford, 1st,	Samuel S. Drake,			1	5		88	1
" 2d,	Thomas N. Lord,	2	3				121	
Buxton,	Joseph Bartlett,	1		3	1		71	2
*Cornish,							12	
Elliot,	Calvin Chapman, ss.			5	3		89	
Kennebunk,	George W. Cressey,		2				85	
" Port, 1st,	John Baker,	2	2	1	1		71	
" " South,	George A. Bowman,	3		2	3		83	
" " Union,							6	
*Kittery,							38	
Lebanon,	Joseph Loring,			2	1		90	
Limerick,	Charles Freeman,			2	1		84	1
Limington,	John H. Garman,					2	88	3
Lyman,	Amasa Loring, ss.		1				115	2
Newfield,	Edmund Burt,		2	1	2	1	70	
*Parsonsfield,	Elias Chapman, ss.						36	
Saco,	Edward S. Dwight,	6	5	7	3		226	
Sanford,				1	2	1	58	
Shapleigh,	Levi Loring, ss.				1		17	
South Berwick,	Benjamin R. Allen,	1	1		2		131	3
Wells, 1st,	James R. Cushing,		1	1			181	4
" 2d,				4			55	
York, 1st,				2	1		91	
" 2d,	Morris Holman,						27	
TWENTY-SIX.	TWENTY.	19	20	35	28	4	2110	27

AROOSTOOK.

Fort Fairfield,	J. Eaton, ss.						9	
Hodgdon,	D. F. Potter, ss.		2			1	8	
Houlton,	D. F. Potter, ss.						26	
Letter F,	J. Eaton, ss.						4	
Lincoln,	A. J. Bates,	2		1			31	
Monticello,	D. F. Potter, ss.						4	
Patten,	R. W. Emerson, ss.						23	2
Salmon Brook,	J. Eaton, ss.						8	
Springfield,	Nathan Cobb, ss.		2				20	
NINE.	FIVE.	2	4	1		1	133	2

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Pastors.	Additions		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
			Profession	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.		
Aroostook,	9	5	2	4	1		1	133	2
Cumberland,	22	25	66	64	48	49	13	3745	79
Franklin,	13	8	31	7	6	17	4	756	15
Hancock,	10	10	13	11	14	19	2	943	25
Kennebec,	17	8	49	16	19	19	1	1074	8
Lincoln,	22	18	58	28	26	29	10	2138	49
Oxford,	11	8	12	7	12	5	2	777	4
Penobscot,	16	12	25	36	22	43	1	1083	23
Piscataquis,	13	7	84	28	11	21	4	606	52
Somerset,	13	8	26	11	4	12		560	21
Union,	13	8	3		3	11	1	1091	7
Waldo,	9	7	13	7	13	13		772	23
Washington,	16	11	5	4	12	8	7	1038	16
York,	26	20	19	20	35	28	4	2110	27
FOURTEEN,	210	155	406	243	226	274	50	16,826	351

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Silas Baker,	Kennebunk-port.
Mighill Blood,	Ellsworth.
Alden B. Boynton,	Wiscasset.
John Boynton,	Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley,	Westbrook.
James Carruthers,	Portland.
Asa Cummings, Editor of the Christian Mirror,	Portland.
J. W. Ellingwood,	Bath.
H. A. Merrill,	Windham.
Freeman Parker,	Wiscasset.
Enoch Pond, D. D. Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
John Sawyer,	Garland.
Jotham Sewall, Missionary,	Chesterville
George Shepard, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
David Shepley,	Yarmouth.
D. Talcott Smith, Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
Charles Soule,	Portland
David Starrett,	Augusta.
Calvin E. Stowe, D. D., Professor in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Thomas C. Upham, D. D., Pro. in Bowdoin Col.,	Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D., President of Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Isaac Weston,	Cumberland.
James Weston,	Standish,

APPENDIX.

REPORT

Of the Committee to whom was referred the "Memorials pertaining to Slavery, and Correspondence with Slave-holding Bodies."

The views of this Conference on the general subject of Slavery are sufficiently set forth, as the memorialists allow, in the Report of 1848. They can hardly be made plainer: and they might, in the judgment of the Committee, become less influential, rather than more so, by action, possibly less wise, and certainly less unanimous, on points of secondary importance.

The memorialists wish to "know what to expect; and whether by continuing connected with the Conference, they shall be held in their present relations of fellowship with slaveholders."

The Committee cannot suppose that this language is used in a threatening sense, or that these brethren would wish to restrain freedom of judgment and of action on the part of the Conference, by this allusion to a result so truly to be deprecated as their separation from the Body.

This Conference is not a church. It has not the duty pressing upon it, nor the right vested in it, to legislate for, or discipline its own members, much less those of other bodies.

Some of these bodies, it is well known, have great difficulties to contend with. Some of the churches connected with them contain slaveholders amounting to a small fraction of the entire membership in those bodies. Wise and good men within them, opposed to slavery, sincerely deprecating evils which it is easier both in the church and the nation, to lament than to remove, hesitate as to the course of duty; pausing on the brink of disruption, taking counsel of discretion as well as of feeling, and humbly trusting that they are not offending God while they study the things that make for peace, shunning the responsibility of breaking up the ancient organization of the churches. Shall we, who have less responsibility in the matter, assume more?

Shall we hint at disunion among ourselves, in case our brethren in this Conference, protesting with us against this great sin of the church, this great curse and peril of the State, do not judge with us as to the expediency of certain steps to be taken in the premises?—And not satisfied with entertaining the question of division among ourselves, shall we endeavor, however fruitlessly, to precipitate that question among other bodies? Saying to thousands of brethren, as sound in the faith, as warm hearted friends of the Redeemer, as free from all contamination of this evil as ourselves,—"You must dissolve all your early and cherished ties, and break into yet smaller fragments those ecclesiastical bodies dear to you for your fathers' sakes, or we will declare you unworthy to associate with us; and we will no longer send you our friendly greetings, or avail ourselves of the opportunity to tell you, as we have done, that we long to see the last vestige of oppression swept away from the church." Shall we treat them as heathen and publicans, because their conscientious views of discipline in circumstances whose complication we can but imperfectly understand, differ from ours? Do we so lightly value Christian union among ourselves, or others, that if we cannot force those bodies to disruption, we are ready to break all connection between them and ourselves; or, failing in this, to count for nothing the ties which have bound us together so long and so closely in this Conference? Is this the most excellent way to promote liberty, and to serve Christ, the Prince of Peace, and the God of Love? To ask these questions is, as it seems to us, to answer them. We think it will be seen on reflection, that the first of the two points referred to in the memorial, involves the question of something like legislation, both for ourselves and for others. And respecting the second point,

we would say that the Conference has not, by adopting the Report of 1848, or otherwise, undertaken to anticipate the future. They have never decided that our correspondence with the bodies complained of, shall be perpetual; nor have they ever affixed definite limits to such intercourse. Circumstances may arise on either side, at any time, tending to a termination of such correspondence; or, on the other hand, the difficulties by which its freedom is now restrained, may gradually disappear, and its pleasures and benefits for years to come may lead us to rejoice that it was not abruptly terminated.

The Committee doubt not that we all agree in lamenting the existence of this great evil, against which we have, as a Conference, often borne a plain and united testimony. But since we entertain different opinions respecting certain points of duty connected with the subject, such as this of correspondence with ecclesiastical bodies to a greater or less extent implicated in the matter, let us treat each other's views with mutual respect, as held with equal sincerity and conscientiousness. Let us yield to the attraction of mutual Christian sympathies, drawing us together around the cross, and the common themes which never fail to move our hearts. Let us not weaken our influence on this important subject by sending out discordant voices in relation to it; nor interrupt the current of our devotions and grieve the Holy Spirit by divided counsels.

REPORT OF THE MAINE SEAMENS' UNION.

Formed in haste, in the brief intervals of our last June anniversaries, without much previous consultation, in the absence of many, if not most, who were placed upon its list of officers, and at a time when the seamen's cause in Maine was laboring under great disadvantages, our Society can hardly have awakened reasonable expectations of striking results to be developed during the first year of its existence.

We are happy to be able to state, that the Portland Bethel is completed, and paid for; and a Sailor's Home, of the highest character, amply furnished and opened. The fact that between $7,000 and $8,000 have been raised for these two objects, which have both been regarded to some extent, though incorrectly, as local, show that there can be no difficulty in raising all that may be necessary for current expenses to be incurred in any part of our State, and transmitting a handsome surplus to the Parent Society for the world-wide field.

It is undeniable that a State so essentially maritime as ours, with its vast extent of coast, its many seaports, its large amount of tonnage owned, and its 30,000 seamen traversing the near or remoter waters; ought to take good care at home for the benefit of sailors in our larger ports—and do something for the general cause. The first named is evidently our first duty; and it would hardly be consistent for us to aid in providing Homes, Tracts, Bibles and Bethels, for seamen in Havre, Honolulu, Valparaiso or Mobile, while our own sons, or the sons of strangers, visiting Bangor, Bath, or Portland, should find no evidence of care for their souls. And the people of these, or other cities, respectively, are not to be held solely responsible for doing what God and humanity require for the wanderer who may touch at those ports. He may be from Sweden, or Denmark, or Norway, or Poland, or Bremen, or Lisbon, or Paris—either in Maine or in Europe. The probabilities are altogether against his belonging to the port where his vessel is lying. On the people in that port, he has then no personal or local claims. Only in proportion to the number and the pecuniary means of the friends of God and man there, and to their opportunity of seeing, knowing and acting, is their obligation to do what can be done for his soul.

It is certainly desirable to have a share in the great work of usefulness to these floating millions in distant and foreign places; and yet we are not to regard any effort in any part of our own State as purely local, or to forget that the sailor, who wanders into a port on the bay of Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, or Casco, needs to find a sailor's friend, who shall be aided, if need be, by willing hands and warm hearts in the remotest interior. It is a mistake to suppose that Christians away from the sea should not feel, and hardly less erroneous to conclude that they *do* not feel, when properly informed, for the soul of the sailor. In many such communities, the monthly prayer-meeting for seamen, made impressive by the touching appeals and narratives found in the Sailor's Magazine, is a most pleasant and useful exercise; and the hearts of God's people are enlarged, and their views expanded, by hearing, and feeling, and giving, for the benefit of the distant whose sorrows and sins and perils had before been almost unknown.

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BANGOR SEMINARY.

REPORT ABRIDGED.

A portion of your Committee were present at the examination of the several classes, and at the public exercises of the Anniversary; and were also with the Trustees in their corporate session, and listened with great interest to an exposition of the financial concerns of the Institution; and are gratified to report, that at the examination, the several classes exhibited a very thorough acquaintance with the books and subjects which had been occupying their studies, in all the departments;—as well in the Hebrew and Greek literature of the Bible, as in Systematic Theology. The recitals were prompt, clear, and well sustained; and points in controversy, in particular, were ably defended.

The faculty of the Seminary remains the same as in past years. The corps of Instructors continues unbroken, though not for want of inducements proffered from abroad.

The public services of the graduating class were creditable, both as it respects their intellectual ability and scholarship, and their thorough training. This class consisted of nine,—less than the average number. Of these, four are laboring in Maine; one in New Hampshire; one in Massachusetts; one in New York; one is a Missionary to the West, and one is an accepted Foreign Missionary, expecting soon to proceed to his destination in Africa.—All are acceptably and usefully employed.

The Library has been increased during the year by the addition of several hundred volumes, partly by purchase, and partly by donation. Two valuable donations have been received from the Religious Tract Society of London. The Library of the Seminary is one of great value,—consisting of more than 8000 volumes, selected with special reference to the wants of the Theological student.

The buildings of the Seminary remain essentially as in years past. These buildings were erected at an expense of some 30,000 dollars, and with the plat of ground on which they stand, are of great value. They are insured, and in good repair.

The pecuniary condition of the Seminary is such as to awaken some solicitude, and to call for the prompt and efficient action of the churches; not because the Seminary is absolutely poor, but because, for the last two years, its productive income has not been equal to its expenses. The present pecuniary wants of the Seminary may be stated as follows:—There is needed the endowment of one of the Professorships at an expense of $17,000.—There is needed a Chapel, and one Professor's House, requiring some $15,000. If these things were furnished, and the disposable property of the Seminary could be turned, so as to cancel the debts, the whole would be put on safe and satisfactory ground. Impressed with the wants of the Seminary, and with the necessity of more vigorous exertions to sustain it, the Trustees voted, at their last annual meeting, to attempt raising the sum of $30,000 within the year.

The present No. of students in the Seminary is 42—11 in the Senior Class, 14 in the middle, and 16 in the Junior, with one resident Licentiate. The whole number of the alumni of the Seminary, of those who have received diplomas, is 233. Many others have pursued their studies at the Seminary for a time. 216 of the alumni are now living; 17 are dead.

It is obvious that the Seminary at Bangor has been a great blessing to the Church and to the world. Its influence is felt already in every quarter of the globe, and will continue to be felt in coming ages. It has been a blessing very specially and inestimably to the churches of our own State. Let any person look abroad over the several Counties of the State, and see how large a portion of the younger and more efficient of our pastors and missionaries are from the Seminary. Let him consider that *without* this Seminary, many of these young men would never have been in the ministry at all, and certainly not within our borders. And he will be impressed with the obligations which our churches are under to the Seminary at Bangor.

Your Committee would conclude with expressing their approbation of the resolution of the Trustees, to raise, as soon as practicable, the sum of $30,000, and more if it should be necessary, to put the Seminary on a permanent foundation. In behalf of the Committee,

E. G. PARSONS.

MINUTES

OF THE

ENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN YARMOUTH,

June 24, 25, and 26, 1851.

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THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING of the Conference will be held in Searsport, on Tuesday, June 22, 1852.

Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, on Tuesday evening.

Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday, June 23, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Meetings of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, and of the Maine Seamen's Union, will also be held during the sessions of Conference.

MINUTES.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE met at Yarmouth, June 24, 1851, lock A. M.

e absence of the Moderator and Secretaries, the meeting was called by Rev. Mr. Alden, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

Woodhull was elected Moderator pro. tem., and Rev. E. F. Cutter ng Secretary pro. tem. The Moderator opened the meeting with the tercises; after which the Conference was organized as follows:

MEMBERS.

.—Rev. Messrs. John H. Garman, Morris Holman, Joseph Bartlett, athaniel Emery, Br. Samuel Hill.
BERLAND.—Rev. Messrs. J. R. Adams, T. G. Mitchell, S. Gould, 1. P. Doughty, Br. E. C. Stevens.
N.—Rev. Messrs. G. F. Tewksbury, C. Packard.
TEBEC.—Rev. Messrs. E. B. Webb, R. B. Thurston, Br. Frederic

RD.—Rev. Messrs. D. Garland, J. H. M. Leland, Deacons E. Chap- Robinson.
OCK.—Rev. Messrs. D. Sewall, H. Houston, Br. A. P. Emerson.
SCOT.—Rev. Messrs. J. K. Mason, C. B. Smith.
DO.—Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston, B. C. Chase.
TAQUIS.—Rev. Messrs. H. Ilsley, W. S. Sewall, Br. Henry Sewall.
KLIN.—Rev. Messrs. W. Davenport, J. B. Wheelwright.
RSET.—Rev. A. T. Loring, Br. Samuel Smith.
SINGTON.—Rev. Amos Brown.
OLN.—Rev. Messrs. J. Clement, N. Chapman, S. Talbot, Dea. G. n.
STOOK.—Dea. William Stevens.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

R. Woodhull, Moderator; Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hayes, and E. F. Cut- retaries; Rev. Messrs. E. K. Alden, J. Sewall, Amasa Loring, S. , S. Souther, Jr., W. L. Hyde, J. W. Ellingwood, J. R. Munsell, S. rill, A. Cummings, D. D., E. Pond, D. D., W. T. Dwight, D. D., B. , D. D.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Ass. of Connecticut, - - - -	Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D.
Con. of Vermont, - - - - -	Rev. S. M. Stone.
Ass. of New Hampshire, - - -	Rev. J. E. Farwell.
Ass. of New York, - - - -	Rev. J. A. Gale.
e Baptist Convention, - - - -	Rev. L. B. Allen.
; Maine Methodist Conference, -	Rev. Charles W. Morse.
;. Union of New Brunswick, - -	Rev. Charles Mackay.

PRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.

Wm. Clark, - - - - - - - -	District Sec. of A. B. C. F. M.
D. B. Coe, - - - - - - - -	Sec. of Am. Home Miss. Soc.

Rev. J. Young, - - - - - - - -	Agent of Am. Bible Society.
Rev. R. Babcock, D. D., - - - -	Gen. Ag't of Am. S. S. Union.
Rev. Asa Bullard, - - - - - -	Sec. of Mass. S. S. Society.
Rev. S. Souther, Jr., - - - - - -	Ag't of Am. S. S. Union.
Rev. E. B. Cleghorn, - - - - -	Ag't of Am. Col. Society.

A letter was read from Rev. Ray Palmer, Moderator of the General Conference, resigning his office, in consequence of his removal to another field of labor, without the State. His resignation was accepted, and Rev. R. Woodhull was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. H. Hayes was elected Corresponding Secretary pro. tem., and Rev. E. F. Cutter was chosen Assistant Secretary.

The Delegates, who visited other Ecclesiastical bodies, then made their Report.

All Evangelical Clergymen present were invited to sit with the Conference, and participate in its deliberations.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to report a plan for the establishment of a Standing Committee of Nominations not being prepared to report, the subject was recommitted to them for further consideration. Rev. Dr. G. E. Adams, and Rev. Messrs. W. L. Hyde and J. Sewall are this committee.

Rev. Messrs. Ellingwood, S. Thurston and S. Tenney were appointed Committee of Nominations, for this year.

The public services of the morning commenced at 11 o'clock, and were introduced by Rev. C. Freeman. A Sermon was preached by Prof. Stowe, of Bowdoin College, from Matt. 6 : 10. "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON. The Conference resumed its session. Two hours were spent in devotional exercises and religious conference. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Tucker, of Conn., and by Rev. Messrs. B. R. Allen, of S. Berwick; J. S. Eaton, of the Free St. Baptist Church, Portland; Charles Mackay, of New Brunswick; and J. O. Fiske, of Bath.

At 4 P. M. The Conference gave way for the annual meeting of the Maine Seamen's Union. Rev. Dr. Pond, the President, took the chair. The Report was read by the Acting Secretary, Rev. S. C. Fessenden. Rev. E. F. Cutter moved that the Report be accepted and printed; which motion was seconded by J. R. Adams. Addresses were made by both these brethren.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION, FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Rev. E. Pond, D. D., President. Rev. J. W. Chickering, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. E. Pond, D. D., Rev. J. W. Chickering, Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Rev. Messrs. D. M. Mitchell, I. Rogers, S. Tenney, S. H. Hayes, J. Dodd, S. C. Fessenden, W. Parker, T. Smith, A. T. Loring, J. A. Douglass, A. Brown, G. W. Cressy, and J. Eaton, Directors.

Conference adjourned to 8 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

On the evening of Tuesday, the

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY

held its Annual Meeting.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Adams. Sermon by Rev. J. Wilde; after which a Collection was taken up, amounting to $63 14.

OFFICERS of the Society, for the next year. Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., President; Dea. S. Adams, Vice President; Rev. J. R. Adams, Secretary; Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Treasurer; Dea. G. Hyde, Auditor.

TRUSTEES. President and Secretary ex off., Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, E. Pond, E. Jones, D. Shepley, S. Tenney, I. Rogers, R. Woodhull.

Rev. S. Tenney, First Preacher; Prof. Shepard, Second Preacher.

On Wednesday morning, there was a Prayer Meeting, at 5 o'clock.

Conference opened its session at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. I. Kimball.

Rev. Mr. Souther, from the Committee on Statistics, made a Report, which was referred to a Select Committee of one from each Conference, viz: Rev. Messrs. C. Freeman, J. Perham, J. A. Douglass, R. B. Thurston, J. H. M. Leland, D. Sewall, Thos. Smith, S. Souther, Jr., H. Ilsley, W. Davenport, J. Tucker, A. Brown, J. O. Fiske, and Dea. W. Stevens.

At 9 o'clock, the Conference gave way for the meeting of the

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., the President. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Douglass. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. The Report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Tappan.

On motion of Prof. Stowe, of Bowdoin College, seconded by Rev. D. B. Coe, Agent of Am. Home Miss. Soc., the Report was accepted and ordered to be printed. Both these brethren favored the meeting with addresses.

The Committee on Revising the Constitution of the Society presented a Report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed, with the Annual Report. In connexion with their report, the committee offered the following resolution, which, according to the rules of the Society, lies over to the next annual meeting:

Resolved, That the Constitution as revised, and as now submitted, be adopted as the Constitution of the Maine Missionary Society.

The following OFFICERS were then appointed: Rev. W. T. DWIGHT, D. D., President; Rev. J. W. ELLINGWOOD, Vice President; JOHN HOW, Esq., Treasurer; Rev. B. TAPPAN, D. D., Cor. and Rec. Sec.

TRUSTEES. The President ex off., Rev. D. Thurston, Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Rev. E. Pond, D. D., Rev. Messrs. J. W. Chickering, D. Shepley, E. F. Cutter, I. Rogers, S. Thurston, and John How, Esq.

AUDITORS. W. C. Mitchell and W. D. Little, Esqrs.

Rev. E. S. Dwight, First Preacher; Rev. S. H. Keeler, Second Preacher.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. The Conference was opened with prayer, by Rev. Charles Mackay, of New Brunswick.

The Report of the Committe appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor was read, by Rev. S. H. Merrill; and on motion of Rev. S. H. Hayes, seconded by Rev. A. Brown, was accepted, and ordered to be printed. Addresses were made by both these brethren; also by Rev. J. Drummond.

At 3 o'clock, the Conference gave way for the Annual Meeting of the

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. Dr. Pond, the Vice President took the chair. Prayer was offered by Prof. Shepard. The Report was read by Rev. E. G. Parsons, the Acting Secretary, and was accepted. Addresses were made by Prof. Stowe, and by Rev. Messrs. Wm. C. Clark and D. B. Coe.

OFFICERS of the Society for the ensuing year. Rev. D. Thurston, President; Rev. E. Pond, D. D., Vice President; Rev. G. E. Adams, D. D., Secretary; Prof. Wm. Smyth, Treasurer; Joseph McKeen, Esq., Auditor.

DIRECTORS. Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. W. Ellingwood, D. Shepley, B. Tappan, and A. Cummings.

The Conference resumed its session at 4 o'clock, when Rev. S. H. Hayes, Secretary on Sabbath Schools, presented his Report. The Report was accepted, with a request that it may be published in the Christian Mirror. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Babcock, Rev. Asa Bullard, and Rev. S. Souther, Jr.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Conference was opened with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Babcock.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. E. B. Cleghorn, Agent of the Am. Col. Society; by Rev. J. Young, Agent of the Am. Bible Society; by Rev. T. R. French, Agent of the Maine Seamen's Union; and by Rev. Wm. Clark, Agent of the American Board of Missions.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday Morning at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting on Thursday morning, at 5 o'clock. At 8 o'clock, Conference met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. T. Loring.

The Committee of Nominations offered the following Report, which was accepted.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Rev. C. Hobart, Primary. Rev. J. Bartlett, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. S. L. Gould, Primary. Rev. Jona. Clement, D. D., Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Rev. P. F. Barnard, Primary. Rev. E. F. Cutter, Substitute.

CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND.

Rev. J. R. Adams, Primary. Rev. Wooster Parker, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Rev. S. Thurston, Primary. Rev. J. W. Chickering, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

Rev. John Orr, Primary. Rev. R. Woodhull, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF WISCONSIN.
CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Rev. John Maltby, } Primaries. Rev. S. Tenney, Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., } Substitutes.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (O. S.)

Rev. J. O. Fiske, Primary. Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D., Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (N. S.)

Rev. James Drummond, Primary. Rev. J. Blake, Substitute.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, EAST.

Rev. Daniel Sewall.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, WEST.

Rev. G. W. Cressey.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. S. H. Keeler.

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. G. E. Adams, D. D., Primary. Rev. R. B. Thurston, Substitute.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Rev. A. Lincoln, Primary. Rev. W. L. Hyde, Substitute.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. Pond, D. D. Rev. S. H. Hayes. Dea. E. F. Duren.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. S. H. Hayes.

COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF MINISTERS.

Rev. Drs. Dwight, Tappan, Pond and Cummings, and Rev. B. R. Allen.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

York Conference.	Rev. S. Dwight.
Oxford "	Rev. E. S. Hopkins.
Lincoln "	Rev. U. Balkam.
Somerset "	Rev. A. T. Loring.
Piscataquis "	Rev. H. Ilsley.
Waldo "	Rev. J. Freeman.
Washington "	Rev. Amos Brown.
Cumberland "	Rev. John Wilde.
Union "	Rev. J. P. Richardson.
Kennebec "	Hon. Asa Redington.
Franklin "	Rev. W. Davenport.
Penobscot "	Rev. Geo. B. Little.
Hancock "	Rev. H. M. Stone.
Aroostook "	Rev. A. J. Bates.

Place of next meeting, *Searsport.*

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. S. Thurston. Rev. E. F. Cutter. Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Preacher. Rev. J. Maltby, Primary. Rev. Prof. Shepard, Substitute.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was read and accepted. Voted that the Report be printed in the Minutes of the Conference, and referred to the next annual meeting.

Rev S. H. Hayes was appointed Treasurer of Conference.

Letters from Rev. T. A. Taylor, Delegate from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, and from Rev. J. J. Hill, Delegate from the General Association of Illinois, were read, after which the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies reported in the following order:

West Maine Methodist Conference,	Rev. C. W. Morse.
Maine Baptist Convention,	Rev. L. B. Allen.
General Association of New York,	Rev. T. A. Gale.
General Association of New Hampshire,	Rev. J. E. Farwell.
General Convention of Vermont,	Rev. S. M. Stone.
General Association of Connecticut,	Rev. Dr. Tucker.

Report of the State of Religion in the General Conference of Maine was read by Rev. S. H. Hayes, Corresponding Secretary pro tem. On motion of Rev. R. B. Thurston, seconded by Rev. Asa Bullard, Secretary of the Mass. S. S. Society, this Report was accepted, and ordered to be printed. Addresses were made by both these brethren; also by Rev. Dr. Carruthers. The morning exercises were closed with prayer by Rev. J. P. Richardson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—CLOSING EXERCISES.

Prayer by Rev. S. M. Stone, of Vermont.

Sermon by Rev. J. Loring.

Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Drs. Tucker and Dwight.

Voted, That the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Congregational Church and Society, in Yarmouth, for their kindness and hospitality so freely and richly bestowed on this occasion: also to the Choir, for their very acceptable services. May God bless this ancient church, and grant that this Convention may be the beginning of good days to Zion here.

The occasion was one of great interest. The assemblage was so large, that separate meetings were held in the Methodist Chapel during the second and third days. We trust there may be permanent impressions of good upon the minds and hearts of all who enjoyed these seasons of privilege: and the fruits appear in the increased activity and faithfulness of our labors in the vineyards of MAINE.

The next annual meeting will be at Scarsport, on Tuesday preceding the 4th Wednesday of June, 1852, at 9 o'clock A. M.

S. H. HAYES, *Recording Secretary.*
E. F. CUTTER, *Assistant Secretary.*

Yarmouth, June 28th, 1851.

NOTE.—By vote of Conference, the printed Minutes are the credentials of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.

REPORT

THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

HIS Conference embraces 14 local Conferences, and 225 churches. The rches in Orland, Freeman, Passadumkeag, and a second church in Beth- ıave been added to the number reported last year. There have been ed during the year by profession, 483, and by letter, 224—total 707. The :hs reported are 223; dismissions, 182; excluded, 36; in all, 441, leaving et gain of 266. And there are now reported in all the churches, 186 members.

ut it should not be overlooked, that there are not 17,000 members under watch and care of our churches. One church of 114 members, reports ıon-resident, another of 45, reports 16 non-resident; another of 50, reports half of its number non-resident. One county has returned only its resi- : members, leaving the others unaccounted for, and perhaps uncared for. ı is an evil which prevails to a greater or less extent in all our churches, cannot fail to suggest the importance of some action in regard to it.

here are 165 laborers in the field, of whom 112 are settled pastors, leav- 53 who are laboring as stated supplies, and preaching to 58 churches. ral important churches are soon to be supplied with settled pastors, who loubt not will prove a valuable accession to the ministry of Maine.

will be seen by the following statements, drawn from the reports of County Conferences, that though the year has not been marked by ex- ive revivals, God has not forgotten our Zion, and many of the churches ; received tokens of his mercy.

AROOSTOOK.

his Conference embraces ten churches and but one settled pastor, Rev. . Bates, of Lincoln. "Most of the churches," says the report, "have little preaching, during the year, and some none." Received by profes- , 2; letter, 6; died, 3; excluded, 1; total, 145, gain, 4.

WASHINGTON.

his Conference includes 16 churches, 5 settled pastors, and 4 who labor tated supplies, leaving 7 destitute. Cheering intelligence is received ı many of these churches. The church in *East Machias*, has been great- rengthened under the labors of Mr. John C. Adams, who is soon to be ined and installed over them. The church in *Machias* has experienced le refreshings during the year; 15 have been hopefully converted, 28 ı united with the church. With the church in *Robbinston*, says the re- . "it has been a year of the right hand of the Most High." More than ar since the spirit began to descend, the graces of Christians were re- l, and sinners were converted. Twenty have been added to the church, ıore stand propounded. The church in *Eastport* is soon to settle a pas-

A spirit of more deep and heartfelt devotion has prevailed in the ch at *Dennysville*, and 12 have been added by profession. Received by ssion in all the churches, 75; letter, 6; died, 12; dismissed, 17; ex- ed, 12; baptisms, 28; total, 1032; gain, 40.

PENOBSCOT.

ıis Conference contains 17 churches, 9 settled pastors, and 4 stated sup- . Mr. G. W. Field has accepted a call to the first church in *Brewer*.

No general revival is reported, "yet the still small voice of the Spirit has been speaking to many hearts, and a goodly number of souls have been hopefully converted." Received by profession, 19; letter, 32; died, 9; dismissed, 21; excluded, 4; baptisms, 30; total, 1138; gain, 17.

SOMERSET.

There are in this Conference 14 churches, 3 settled pastors, 4 stated supplies. The Report covers one year and a half. During that time, the church in *St. Albans* has enjoyed an interesting revival, and 27 have been added to its communion. The church in *Bloomfield* has had a season of refreshing, and 13 additions. *South Solon* has been visited with blessings, and 8 have been added. Some other churches have been blessed. Number received by profession, 55; letter, 23; died, 21; dismissed, 10; baptisms, 29; total, 606; gain 49.

HANCOCK.

This Conference includes 11 churches, 7 settled pastors, and 3 stated supplies. In *Orland*, a church has been organized, a house of worship erected, and a pastor settled during the year. "*Bluehill* has enjoyed a precious season of revival. From a state of discouragement, and painful apprehension, they have arisen to shine, their light being come, and the glory of the Lord having arisen upon them. They number more than 40 hopeful conversions. In connection with almost all the churches in this Conference, Sabbath Schools have increased in number and interest. The spirit of liberality seems also to be growing, and besides the ordinary contributions for benevolent objects, our own cherished Theological Seminary has been remembered by these churches. Received by profession, 32; letter, 35; died, 8; dismissed, 31; total, 999; baptisms, 15; gain, 28.

WALDO.

There are in this Conference 10 churches, that in *Unity* having been transferred from the Kennebec Conference to this, and that formerly known as the church in "*Knox and vicinity*," is now reported as the church in *Thorndike*. There are 7 settled pastors, and 2 stated supplies.

No general religious interest has prevailed; the church in *Camden* has long enjoyed the gentle influences of the Spirit, and 18 have been received by profession. The church in *Thorndike*, long left and scattered as sheep without a shepherd, are again gathered under the faithful labors of Rev. L. Wiswall, who supplies them one-fourth of the time, and 7 have been added during the year. The report from the church in *Frankfort* says, "Early in the spring our hearts were cheered by the hope that the Holy Spirit was about to descend upon us. Several of the members were greatly revived; meetings were well attended; many intelligent minds were deeply impressed, and one person, we trust, was born again; but evil influences gained the ascendancy, and the cloud which appeared big with mercy, passed away. Nine members of this church are soon to be formed into a new church at *Frankfort Mills*, where the regular ministrations of the word have been enjoyed during the year under the labors of Mr. Geo. W. Field.

"Unfavorable circumstances, and the removal of several members of the church and society have led to the discontinuance of Sabbath services at *Brooks* for the present." There is preaching in *Jackson* three-fourths of the time, and a good degree of interest is manifested in all the ordinary means of grace. The church in *North Belfast* is temporarily deprived of the labors of their pastor, Rev. S. Souther, who has engaged in another department of labor for a season: but their pulpit is supplied. The church in *Searsport* was for a time agitated with the fear of a dissolution of the connection between them and their long-tried and beloved pastor, Rev. S. Thurston, which it is hoped has resulted in strengthening, if possible, and

perpetuating the connection. Received by profession, 25; letter, 1; died 7; dismissed, 3; baptisms, 4; total 817; gain, 16.

KENNEBEC.

This Conference embraces 16 churches, 7 pastors, and 4 stated supplies. "Six of these churches," says the report, "have enjoyed but little congregational preaching during the year. Most of them lament that the state of religion has been low. In *Vassalboro*, the church united with their Methodist brethren, and secured the services of a young man in the Methodist connection. Under his labors, the divine influence was manifested, and some 15 or 20 hopeful conversions are reported. The churches in *Augusta* and *Hallowell* have been supplied with pastors. The church in H. reports increased attendance upon meetings on the Sabbath, also the evening meetings and the Sabbath School. The church in *Gardiner* has been blessed by the quickening influences of God's Holy Spirit during the spring; 18 hopeful conversions are reported, and the various meetings are better attended than formerly." Received by profession into all the churches, 35; letter, 16; died, 15; dismissed, 5; baptisms, 12; total, 1085; gain, 31. The church in Unity of 25 members, has been transferred to the Waldo Conference.

PISCATAQUIS.

In this Conference 13 churches are included, 4 settled pastors, and 3 stated supplies. *Brownville* has been visited with a revival. Other churches have received additions. The pastor of the church in Dexter, Rev. E. G. Carpenter, has accepted a call to another field of labor. The religious training of children, christian benevolence, keeping the Sabbath, the cause of temperance, and human freedom are mentioned as objects of increasing interest to these churches. Received by profession, 32; letter, 4; died, 10; dismissed, 13; excluded, 5; baptisms, 29; total, 622; gain, 8.

FRANKLIN.

This Conference reports 14 churches, 4 settled pastors, and 5 stated supplies. Rev. J. B. Wheelwright has been settled over the church in *Weld* during the year, where his labors have been blessed, and 6 have been added to their number. The church in *Farmington* has been visited with refreshing, and 12 from the Sabbath School have been added to the church. Received to all the churches by profession, 36; by letter, 5; died, 8; dismissed, 5; baptisms, 18; total, 693; gain, 28.

OXFORD.

This Conference reports 12 churches, 5 settled pastors, and 2 stated supplies. No revivals are reported, though it is hoped the preaching of the gospel has not been in vain. "The church in *South Paris* has been called to mourn the death of its beloved pastor, Rev. Joseph Walker. Rev. Samuel Sewall, for 33 years pastor of the church in *Sumner* has also, during the year, deceased. The providence of God in the removal of his servants, calls upon those who survive, to do with their might what their hands find to do." Received by profession, 3; letter, 10; died, 13; baptisms, 7; total, 804. Additions and removals, equal. The 2d church in Bethel, of 33 members now included, was not reported last year.

UNION.

There are in this Conference 13 churches, 9 settled pastors, and one stated supply. One church has been deprived of the labors of a faithful pastor, and one church has had the gospel ministry re-established among them. The church in Brownfield has been visited with the Spirit's influences, and souls have been converted; other churches have been refreshed. Received by profession, 9; by letter, 9; deaths, 14; dismissed, 12; baptisms, 11; total, 1069; loss, 8.

LINCOLN.

This Conference embraces 22 churches, 10 settled pastors, and 9 stated supplies. Two among the more important churches in the county are about to settle pastors. The church in Union has been blessed with a revival, and 14 hopeful conversions are reported. From 8 churches in this Conference, no reports were received. Received by profession as reported, 14; by letter, 10; died, 25; dismissed, 9; excluded, 2; baptisms, 25; total, 2112; loss, 12.

CUMBERLAND.

This Conference embraces 32 churches, and is the largest in the State. There are 24 settled pastors, and seven stated supplies. "All except one of these churches," says the report, "have the preaching of the Gospel, and this exception—the church in Raymond—has been favored with stated preaching nearly one third of the year." The pastor has been dismissed from the church in New Gloucester, and Rev. John Perham has been installed over the church in Windham. Rev. Mr. Thornton has lately been ordained in Scarborough, and Rev. Mr. Hadley in Standish. The unusual interest reported last year in Gray, Lewiston Falls, North Yarmouth and Yarmouth, has not declined, while a similar interest is reported in several others, especially at Standish, and in the first and second churches in Falmouth. There have been received by profession, 118; by letter, 41; died, 48; dismissed, 29; excluded, 5; baptisms, 109; total, 3760; gain, 77.

YORK.

This Conference numbers 26 churches and 23 ministers, of whom 17 are settled pastors. Pastors have been dismissed from the churches in Acton and Biddeford first, during the year, while Kittery, York first, and Wells second, have each settled a pastor. Never has this Conference been so fully supplied with a stated ministry, two churches only being destitute, and these too feeble to employ constant laborers." "Occasional conversions have been more frequent than usual, while upon several of the churches, the reviving dews of heaven have descended." Received by profession, 28; letter, 26; died, 32; dismissed, 25; excluded, 6; baptisms, 23; total, 2110; loss, 9.

In view of the foregoing, we have reason for deep gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, that so much prosperity has attended our labors; that there has been some progress; some of the people of God have been greatly revived, some whole churches have been refreshed, and some precious souls have been recovered from death. What tokens and pledges of the divine goodness! What ground for encouragement! What cause of humility and sorrow that we individually have done so little? Alas! may not some of us have been Achans in the camp of Israel!

STATISTICAL TABLES.

'—AS REPORTED LAST YEAR. S. S.—STATED SUPPLY.

CUMBERLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Auburn,	John Elliot, ss.,	5	4	1			105	
Baldwin,	Cyril Pearl,						16	
Brunswick,	Geo. E. Adams, D. D.	7	1	2	1		204	4
Cape Elizabeth,	Royal Parkinson,		3				39	
Cumberland,	Joseph Blake,	3	1	3	2		136	3
Durham,	Jonas Fisk, ss.,		1	1	2		43	1
Falmouth, 1st,	Charles Dame,	15	1				139	10
Falmouth, 2d,	John Wilde,	5	1				94	3
Freeport,	Eben. G. Parsons,	4	2	8	2		190	8
Gorham,	John R. Adams,	7	1		4		177	10
Gray,	Allen Lincoln,	2			1		58	5
Harpswell,	Elijah Kellogg,		1				48	1
Lewiston Falls,	James Drummond,	15	1	2	2		123	
Mechanic Falls,	Enos Merrill,						41	
Minot,	Elijah Jones,			1	1		149	
New Gloucester,	H. Merrill, ss.,			1			146	3
Yarmouth,	Edmund K. Alden,	23	2	3	4	2	271	38
North Yarmouth,	Caleb Hobart,	7	1	1	2		100	2
Poland,	Stephen Gould,						45	
Portland, 2d,	J. J. Carruthers, D. D.	7	2	6	1	2	383	10
Portland, 3d,	W. T. Dwight, D. D.,	1	8	5	2	1	247	
Portland, High st.,	John W. Chickering,	7	8	7	5		371	
" Abbyssinian,	A. N. Freeman,						*76	
" Bethel,	T. R. French, ss.,						*30	
Pownal,	Wm. V. Jordan,	4	3	3			136	8
Raymond,							*11	
Scarborough,	J. B. Thornton,						98	
Standish,	J. B. Hadley,	5		2			58	3
Westbrook, 1st,	D. Merrill, ss.,			1			47	
Westbrook, 2d,	John Parsons, ss.,						100	
Windham,	John Perham,	1		1			53	
West Minot,	Thos. G. Mitchell, ss.						31	
THIRTY-TWO.	THIRTY-ONE.	118	41	48	29	5	3760	109

FRANKLIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Chesterville,	Joseph H. Conant,						45	
Farmington,	Isaac Rogers,	16	5	1	3		127	13
Fayette,	J. H. Conant, ss.,	2					23	
Freeman,	Henry White, ss.,						3	
Industry,	Josiah Tucker, ss.,	2			1		86	
Kingfield,							*10	
New Portland,							*10	
New Sharon.	Alpha Morton, ss.,						*98	
New Vineyard,	David Turner,	3			1		40	
Phillips,		6					37	
Strong,	William Davenport,	1					66	1
Temple,	Simeon Hackett, ss.,						81	
Weld,	J. B. Wheelwright, ss.	6		7			37	4
Wilton,	Benj. Dodge, ss.,						30	
FOURTEEN.	NINE.	36	5	8	5		693	18

KENNEBEC.

Albion,							21	
Augusta, North,							35	
Augusta, South,	Edwin B. Webb,	4	4		2		253	
Gardiner,	Wm. L. Hyde,	15	7	4			73	3
Hallowell,	John P. Skeele.	15	4	1	3		206	8
Litchfield,	Timothy Davis,			2			58	
Pittston, 1st,	Sumner Clark, ss.,						40	
Pittston, 2d,	Sumner Clark, ss.,						15	
Sidney,		1					13	
Richmond,	Pliny F. Barnard,		1				27	1
Sebasticook,							19	
Vassalboro',	B. G. Willey, ss.			1			33	
Waterville,	Richard B. Thurston,			2			38	
Windsor,	N. W. Sheldon, ss.,						28	
Winslow,	Joshua S. Gay, ss.,			2			70	
Winthrop,	David Thurston,			3			160	
SIXTEEN.	ELEVEN.	35	16	15	5		1089	12

HANCOCK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Aurora & Amherst	Henry S. Loring,		4				31	
Bluehill,	Harvey M. Stone,	24	4	6	2		144	12
Bucksport,	J. B. R. Walker,	4	2		20		157	
Brooksville, West,	J. G. Merrill,	3		1	2		53	1
Castine, Trin. Ch.,	Daniel Sewall,			2	3		81	1
Deer Isle,	Jonathan Adams, ss.,						*195	
Ellsworth,	Sewall Tenney,		1		4		108	1
Orland,	Hiram Houston,	1	23				24	
Sedgwick,	Manning Ellis, ss.,						*48	
Sedgwick Village,							*29	
Tremont & Mt. Desert,	C. M. Brown, ss.,		1				129	
ELEVEN.	TEN.	32	35	8	31		999	15

WALDO.

Belfast, 1st,	Edward F. Cutter,						142	4
Belfast, North,	Samuel Souther,						42	
Camden,	Benjamin C. Chase,	18		3			134	
Frankfort,	Stephen H. Hayes,			2			74	
Jackson & Brooks,	Luther Wiswall,				3		75	
Prospect,	Joseph Freeman,			2			48	
Searsport,	Stephen Thurston,						224	
Swanville,							28	
Thorndike,	Luther Wiswall, ss.,	7	1				25	
Unity,	Charles Temple, ss.,						25	
TEN.	EIGHT.	25	1	7	3		817	4

OXFORD.

Andover,							39	
Bethel First Ch.,	J. H. M. Leland,	1	2	1		1	113	2
Bethel Second Ch.	D. Garland,		2				33	3
Dixfield,	Alfred Morse,						26	
Gilead,							*39	
Norway,	H. M. Strong, ss.		2	1			105	
Oxford,	Isaac Carlton,						50	
Paris, South,		2	4	2			139	
Rumford,	Eliph. S. Hopkins,						*79	
Shelburne, N. H.,							*10	
Sumner,				6			84	
Turner,	John Dodd, ss.,			3			87	2
TWELVE.	SEVEN.	3	10	13		1	804	7

LINCOLN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Alna,	Samuel Talbot,						89	6
Bath, Winter st.,	John O. Fiske,	2	1	5	2		219	5
Bath, Central,	—. Whittelsey, elect,			4	3		121	4
Boothbay, 1st,	Samuel L. Gould, ss.						*100	
Boothbay, 2d,	Joseph Smith, ss.,						*57	
Bremen,	D. Cushman, ss.,	1					17	
Bristol,	C. Morgridge, ss.,	3		1	1		82	
Edgecomb,	Ivory Kimball, ss.,				1		103	
Jefferson,							*9	
Lisbon,							*23	
Newcastle, 1st,	David Cushman, ss.,						50	
Newcastle, 2d,	E. G. Carpenter, el.,						*115	
Phipsburg,	Samuel S. Drake,						*235	1
Rockland,	Sam'l C. Fessenden,		3	1			67	
Thomaston,	Richard Woodhull,			3			112	
Topsham,	Jona. Clement, D. D.	1		1			120	
Union,	Samuel Bowker,	5	1	2	1		67	7
Waldoboro',	John Dodge,	1	2	5		2	191	
Warren,	Nath'l Chapman, ss.	1					124	1
Wiscasset,	Uriah Balkam,		3	3	1		111	
Woolwich,	Jotham Sewall, ss.,						*59	
Washington,	N. W. Sheldon, ss.,						41	
TWENTY-TWO.	NINETEEN.	14	10	25	9	2	2112	25

PISCATAQUIS.

Abbot,							12	
Atkinson,		3	1	1	1	2	30	
Blanchard,	John A. Perry, ss.,	2		1	2	1	63	4
Bradford,	Eusebius Hale, ss.,	3		1			28	4
Brownville,	Wm. S. Sewall,	5	1	1	1		70	5
Dexter,		9	1				59	9
Exeter,							*19	
Foxcroft & Dover,	Wooster Parker,	8	1	2	5		133	
Garland,	Peter B. Thayer,	2		1			64	7
Milo,	S. H. Partridge, ss.,			1			16	
Monson,	Horatio Ilsley,			1	3	2	93	
Sangerville,	John A. Perry, ss.,			1	1		26	
Sebec,	S. H. Partridge, ss.,						9	
THIRTEEN.	SEVEN.	32	4	10	13	5	622	29

PENOBSCOT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
gor, 1st,	Geo. B. Little,	2	14	2	5		280	5
Hammond St.	John Maltby,	5	8	2	12		239	13
North,							26	
Central,	Prof. Shepard, ss.,	2	6	2			32	
wer, 1st,	Prof. D. T. Smith, ss.						105	
East,	Joseph R. Munsell,				1		89	
Village,	Thomas Smith,			2			28	7
lington,	M. R. Keep, ss.,						*14	
inna,							*12	
ham,	Lewis Goodrich,	7	1		1		40	5
mont,	Israel Hills, ss.,						17	
aburn,			1				14	
apden,	Javan K. Mason,	3	1		1		81	
ant,	Charles B. Smith,		1		1		45	
Town,	Samuel H. Merrill,						20	
no,	L. Ives Hoadley,						41	
ngton,	Franklin Davis, ss.,			1		4	55	
SEVENTEEN.	FOURTEEN.	19	32	9	21	4	1138	30

SOMERSET.

on,			3				44	
ens,							4	
gham,	Sydney Turner,	2		5	3		68	
mfield,	Geo. W. Hathaway,	13	5	5	3		98	6
nville,	Geo. W. Fargo, ss.,						8	
field,							16	
rstaff,							37	
lison,		4		3			33	2
cer,	Josiah Tucker, ss.,		3	1			57	2
ridgewock,	Josiah Peet,	1	7	4	3		93	
whegan,	Asa T. Loring, ss.,		2		1		25	
n Village,	Sydney Turner, ss.,						10	
th Solon,	Asa T. Loring, ss.,	8	3				45	4
Albans,	Peter B. Thayer, ss.,	27		3			68	15
FOURTEEN.	SEVEN.	55	23	21	10		606	29

UNION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Albany,	Geo. F. Tewksbury,		1				76	
Bridgton,	Josiah T. Hawes,		2	1	4		90	
North Bridgton,	Leonard W. Harris,			2			39	
South Bridgton,	Jos. P. Fessenden,		4	1			54	
Brownfield,	David Gerry,	7					42	
Denmark,							30	
Hiram,	David Gerry, ss.,						12	
Harrison,	Chas. Packard,		1		2		83	
Lovell,	S. Wentworth, ss.,			1			69	
Fryeburg,	Carlton Hurd,	1		1	1		190	
Otisfield,	J. P. Richardson,	1		3	1		163	
Sweden,				1	3		46	
Waterford,	John A. Douglass,		1	4	1		165	
THIRTEEN.	TEN.	9	9	14	12		1059	11

WASHINGTON.

Calais,	Samuel H. Keeler,	29	1	4	8	3	150	
Cherryfield,	Philip Titcomb, ss.,						*23	
Cooper,	I. K. Upton, ss.,				2		18	
Dennysville,	J. H. Stearns,	12		1	3		100	7
Eastport,		5	1	1			88	
Jonesboro',							*15	
Lubec,				2			10	
Machias,	Amos Brown,	8	4	3	4	1	166	
" East,	John C. Adams, ss.,	1				8	118	11
" Port,	Gilman Bacheller,						*56	
Northfield,	Gilman Bacheller, ss.						*21	
Pembroke,							*29	
Perry,	Abijah Stowell,						*112	
Robbinston,	David B. Sewall,	20		1			85	10
Whiting,							13	
Whitneyville,							28	
SIXTEEN.	NINE.	75	6	12	17	12	1032	28

YORK.

URCHES.	PASTORS.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
,	Wm. Pierce, ss.,						69	
,	John Orr,			2	3		103	1
ord, 1st,	E. P. Littlefield, ss.,						82	
2d,	Thomas N. Lord,	1	9	4	1	1	125	3
n,	Joseph Bartlett,		5				76	
h,							*12	
			1	1	1	2	88	2
bunk,	George W. Cressey,		1	2			84	
Port, 1st,	John Baker, –	1	1	1			72	5
" South,	George A. Bowman,	1		2		3	79	
" Union,				1			5	
y,	Albert W. Fiske,	1		1			44	2
on,	Joseph Loring,		1	1	2		85	
ick,	Charles Freeman,		2	1			85	
gton,	John H. Garman,	6					94	4
n,	Amasa Loring, ss.,	5		2	1		127	5
eld,	Edmund Burt,		1	1	3		67	
nsfield,	Elias Chapman, ss.,	1			2		26	
	Edward S. Dwight,	6	1	1	7		225	
d,	Albert Cole, ss.,				2		58	
igh,	Levi Loring, ss.,		2				19	
Berwick,	Benjamin R. Allen,						131	
, 1st,	James R. Cushing,	2	2	4	1		181	
2d,	Jacob C. Goss.,	2		3			60	1
1st,	John Smith,			5	2		84	
2d,	Morris Holman,	2					29	
ENTY-SIX.	TWENTY-THREE.	28	26	32	26	6	2110	23

ABOOSTOOK.

Fairfield,	Joshua Eaton, ss.,	1			1	1	9	
don,			5				13	
on,		1			1		24	
F,	Joshua Eaton, ss.,						6	
ln,	Alvan J. Bates,			1			30	5
cello,							4	
dumkeag,	Marcus R. Keep, ss.,						8	
n,	R. W. Emerson, ss.,		1				24	
m Brook,	Joshua Eaton, ss.,						8	
gfield,							19	
TEN.	FOUR.	2	6	1	2	1	145	5

SUMMARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches.	No. of Pastors.	Additions.		Removals.			Total.	Baptisms.
			Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Excom.		
Aroostook,	10	4	2	6	1	2	1	145	5
Cumberland,	32	31	118	41	48	29	5	3760	109
Franklin,	13	9	36	5	8	5		693	18
Hancock,	11	10	32	35	8	31		999	15
Kennebec,	16	10	35	16	15	5		1089	12
Lincoln,	22	19	14	10	25	9	2	2112	25
Oxford,	12	6	3	10	13		1	804	7
Penobscot,	17	14	19	32	9	21	4	1138	30
Piscataquis,	13	7	32	4	10	13	5	622	29
Somerset,	14	7	55	23	21	10		606	29
Union,	13	10	9	9	14	12		1059	11
Waldo,	10	7	25	1	7	3		817	4
Washington,	16	9	75	6	12	17	12	1032	28
York,	26	23	28	26	32	25	6	2110	23
FOURTEEN.	225	166	483	224	223	182	36	16986	345

Ordained Ministers without Pastoral Charge.

Silas Baker,	Kennebunk-port.
Mighill Blood,	Bucksport.
Alden B. Boynton,	Wiscasset.
John Boynton,	Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley,	Westbrook.
James Carruthers,	Portland.
Asa Cummings, D. D., Editor of the Christian Mirror,	Portland.
J. W. Ellingwood,	Bath.
H. A. Merrill,	Windham.
Freeman Parker,	Wiscasset.
Enoch Pond, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
John Sawyer,	Garland.
George Shepard, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
David Shepley,	Yarmouth.
D. Talcott Smith, Professor in Theological Seminary,	Bangor.
Charles Soule,	Portland.
Calvin E. Stowe, D. D., Professor in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Thomas C. Upham, D. D., Professor in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D., President of Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Isaac Weston,	Cumberland.
James Weston,	Standish.

REPORT

OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE BANGOR SEMINARY.

A PORTION of the Committee appointed by this Conference to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor at its anniversary in August last, attended to that duty, and would now *Report*, That with the performances of that occasion, as well as with the general condition and prosperity of the Seminary, we were highly gratified. We had abundant evidence of ability and fidelity on the part of the teachers, and also that this Seminary is a nursery of devoted piety, as well as of sacred learning.

The examination in the departments of Biblical Literature, Ecclesiastical History and Christian Theology, was protracted and thorough, and the results highly satisfactory, indicating a habit of diligent investigation and close thinking. Against all the various fanciful and erratic Biblical speculations, whether of earlier or later times, the young men seem to have been carefully guarded.

Particularly in the clearness and accuracy of their definitions of christian doctrine, and in their ready citation of pertinent proof-texts, we saw much to admire. The manner in which doctrinal views were stated and defended, under a somewhat rigid cross-examination, afforded gratifying proof that they had thought for themselves.

To say that the performances of the graduating class were respectable, would be to say much less than the judgment of your Committee prompts. While all were creditable, there was in several a manliness of tone, an affluence of Christian thought, a terseness of language and a power of utterance, rarely surpassed. This class consisted of ten. Of these, three are now settled pastors in Maine; and two are laboring with us as stated supplies. One has been settled in Massachusetts, one in Connecticut, two in Vermont, and one is still pursuing his studies at Bangor.

Your Committee cannot but regard it as a cause for devout thanksgiving, that, notwithstanding the inducements held out from abroad, the Professors of the Seminary remain at their posts.

The library, considerably increased within the last year, now contains some 9000 well selected volumes. The Seminary buildings are, as they have been in years past, insured, and in good condition.

One year ago the pecuniary affairs of the Seminary were in a state to awaken much solicitude. For several years its income had not been equal to its expenses, and it had become burdened with a debt of $3500, beyond its means of payment. Since the last meeting of this Conference your Committee are most happy to state there has been a change.

By the will of the late Miss Sarah Waldo, of Worcester, Mass., the Seminary is entitled to legacies which will amount to between fourteen and fifteen thousand dollars, which will be paid in October. From this liberal and excellent family the Seminary had before received a large sum, amounting with this, to some $24,000. Such gifts, so noble and so timely, should entitle the family bestowing them to an affectionate and grateful remembrance. It is hoped and expected, that the name of Waldo will henceforth be attached to one of the professorships, to be forgotten only when the Seminary is no more.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last General Conference, a subscription was opened last autumn with a view to raise $34,000 for the purpose of endowing the two unendowed Professorships. The subscriptions

on this paper can be appropriated to no other objects; and unless the whole is made up by the 26th of November next, the subscribers are not held. On this paper, $22,000 have already been subscribed; and 4000 more have been pledged, making $26,000 in all.

Your Committee would earnestly call attention to the fact, that, although the effort has been met with marked liberality and success, yet much remains to be done, and must be done within the time prescribed, or the whole undertaking comes to nothing. The subject is specially commended to the consideration of those churches and those wealthy individuals who to be as yet taken no part in the work. It is hoped that such will not wait have called upon, but will send their names and their subscriptions without delay.

Next to the endowment of these two Professorships, the most imperative want of the Seminary is a building for the chapel and the library. The present library room is entirely filled up; and besides, it is in a wooden building used for other purposes, in which several fires are constantly kept, and consequently much exposed. The library is too valuable to be left in such a situation. Such a building as is needed may be erected for $10,000, and it is hoped that Providence will open the way for its erection next year.

The present number of students is 35: considerably less than the average number, and less than it was a year ago. This, it may be added, is equally true of other kindred institutions throughout the country. The diminished number of young men preparing for the ministry is one of the alarming features of the times. Should this falling off be as great for ten years to come, as it has been for ten years past, very few will be found preparing for the ministry. If this state of things continue, who will stand in our pulpits, when their present occupants have ceased from their labors? Is it said that the demand will ensure a supply? But what if the work is neglected till the want is actually felt? What are the churches and what is the world to do while men are preparing?

In this connexion your Committee are constrained to inquire whether the duty of Maine students to patronize this Seminary has been sufficiently considered? As a "*prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own house*," so it fares, to some extent, with our Seminary. It is honored abroad, widely as its teachers are known (as is clearly evinced by the repeated and strenuous efforts made to draw them away,) and wherever its alumni are dispersed. With the advantages it now offers, why should so many of our own sons go away to other Seminaries, to the injury of this, and without securing any countervailing benefit to themselves?

Finally, when we consider the amount of funds contributed, and of labor expended, to make this Institution what it now is; the fact that it has furnished a goodly number of devoted missionaries for the foreign field, and more than a hundred to labor in twenty of the States and Territories of our own country, besides furnishing more than one half the present number of the Congregational Ministers in Maine; and the absolute impossibility of getting men from abroad, of the right stamp, and in sufficient numbers, to supply our own destitute towns; when we consider all this, we are constrained to feel that this Seminary *must be sustained, cost what it may*. And we are persuaded that no friend of the REDEEMER, understanding the matter, acquainted with its teachers, and knowing the great personal efforts and sacrifices they have made, and are still willing to make, will consent that they should be left to struggle on alone. The present is a most important crisis. With $26,000 conditionally secured, let the remaining $8000 be raised between this and the 26th of November, and you lay a noble foundation. On the other hand, a failure here would be followed by a reaction most disastrous in its results upon the future prospects of the Institution.

SAMUEL H. MERRILL,
Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report on Statistics, report as follows, viz: That the schedule be amended by striking out the whole appendix, and the columns for reporting the original number of members, support of the Gospel and how raised, and aid received, and that the table be in the following form:

Church and date of organization.	*Minister and time of Settlement.*	*Admissions.*		*Removals.*			*Total of Members.*	*Non-Residents.*	*Baptisms.*	*No. in Sab. Schools.*	*Total of Donations.*
		Prof.	*Letter.*	*Excom.*	*Dismiss.*	*Deaths.*					

ABSTRACT

OF THE REPORT OF THE MAINE SEAMAN'S UNION.

The Report stated that, within the year, an arrangement had been effected between the Union and the American Seaman's Friend Society, by which the Rev. J. R. French was appointed Seaman's Chaplain for the Portland Bethel. It is understood that Mr. F. is to spend fifteen weeks annually, in presenting to the churches the claims of the two Societies. The collections are to be paid into the treasury of the Union, from which the Chaplain's salary and traveling expenses are to be paid; and the balance is to be transmitted quarterly, to the treasury of the Am. S. F. Society. Meanwhile, the Society holds itself liable for any deficiency of the contributions to meet the stipulated sum, and is to make up such deficiency from funds received from Maine duringthe current year.

The Chaplain speaks in terms of encouragement as to the result of his labors in Portland. He has a congregation of from four to five hundred hearers; sustains a weekly prayer meeting, and has been favored with tokens of the Spirit's power. One old sailor has been hopefully converted, and several others have been awakened.

The Sailor's Home at Portland, is believed to be in a prosperous condition. It is a "good harbor," for which those who have "fallen upon rocks," whether by land or sea, would do well to steer.

The whole amount of money received by the Union, during the past year, is $219,75; of which more than half has been contributed by two of the Congregational Societies in Portland. In addition to this, $146,87 have been paid directly into the Treasury of the Am. S. F. Society at New York. Thus it appears that only $366,62 have been raised in Maine during the year, for the cause of Seamen. When it is considered that Maine builds more ships, and furnishes more sailors than any other State in the Union, this certainly is a very meagre sum. Maine is doing nobly in the cause of Home Missions. She ought not to forget her 30,000 sailors, who are gathered from every part of the State, and in the welfare of whom, every part ought to feel a deep and absorbing interest.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN SEARSPORT,

JUNE 22, 23 AND 24, 1852.

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THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING of the Conference will be held in Saco, on Tuesday, June 21, 1853.

Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, on Tuesday evening.

Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday, June 22, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, Wednesday P. M.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE assembled in the Congregational Meeting House at Searsport, June 22d, 1852, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Several County Conferences were represented as follows:

YORK.—Rev. E. S. Dwight, Rev. Jos. R. Cushing.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. E. K. Alden, Rev. I. Conklin, Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D., Bro. J. Chandler.

UNION.—Rev. Carlton Hurd, Rev. Charles Packard, Dea. Shirley.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. J. P. Skeele, Rev. D. Thurston, Bro. Simon Page.

OXFORD.—Rev. J. H. M. Leland, Rev. Francis Dyer, Bro. Jedediah Burbank.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. L. Ives Hoadley, Rev. L. Goodrich, Dea. E. Adams, Bro. Joshua Lane.

HANCOCK.—Rev. H. Houston, Rev. H. S. Loring, Bro. Jos. Hinckley.

WALDO.—Rev. L. Wiswall, Rev. S. Souther, Bro. Wm. O. Poor, Dea. N. Stowers.

LINCOLN.—Rev. J. Dodge, Rev. E. Whittlesey.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. J. C. Adams, Dea. W. A. Crocker, Dea. Geo. A. Peabody.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Wm. Davenport, Rev. Alpha Morton, Bro. Samuel Wyman.

SOMERSET.—Rev. A. T. Loring, Rev. T. G. Mitchell.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. P. B. Thayer, Rev. J. A. Perry, Bro. R. K. Packard, Bro. James Hills.

AROOSTOOK.—Rev. R. W. Emerson, Rev. W. A. Merrill, Bro. J. B. Ludden.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Moderator, Rev. D. Shepley; Cor. Sec'y, Rev. S. H. Hayes; Rec. Sec'y, Rev. S. C. Fessenden; Tr., E. F. Duren. Members of Committees,—Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston, Jos. Freeman, H. Ilsley, E. F. Cutter, H. M. Stone, C. Hobart, J. O. Fiske, J. W. Chickering, Geo. E. Adams, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., W. L. Hyde, Jos. Blake.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Evangelical Consociation of R. I.,	Rev.	E. Ebbs.
Gen. Association of Mass.,	"	A. Swasey.
Gen. Assembly Pres. Church,	"	Dr. Gray.
Pres. and Cong. Con., Wisconsin,	"	B. F. Parsons.
Maine Baptist Convention,	"	S. L. Caldwell.
Gen. Convention, Vermont,	"	S. McKeen.
Gen Asso. Connecticut,	"	L. B. Rockwell.
Gen. Asso. New Hampshire,	"	Charles Shedd.
Me. Conf. Meth. E. Church,	"	J. Young.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Ag't Am. and For. Ch. Union,	Rev.	Geo. L. Hovey.
Sec'y of A. B. C. F. M.,	"	S. L. Pomroy, D. D.
Sec'y of Me. Miss'y Soc.,	"	B. Tappan, D. D.
Sec'y of Mass. S. S. S.,	"	A. Bullard.
Sec'y of Am. Ed. Society,	"	I. C. Tarbox.
Ag't of Am. Tract Society,	"	M. Turner.
Ag't Am. Bible Soc.,	"	J. Young.
Ag't Am. S. S. Union,	"	S. Souther, Jr.

TUESDAY A. M. The Conference was organized, in the absence of the Moderator and Recording Secretary, by the choice of Rev. David Thurston, as Moderator, pro tem., and Rev. E. F. Cutter as temporary Secretary.

The meeting was opened with the usual devotional exercises by the Moderator.

The officers for three years ensuing, were elected as follows:

Rev. David Shepley, - - - - - Moderator.
" S. H. Hayes, - - - - - Cor. Secretary.
" S. C. Fessenden, - - - - - Rec. "
" E. F. Cutter, - - - - - Ass't Rec. Secretary.

Dea. E. F. Duren, was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Reports of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies were made.

Rev. D. Thurston, J. P. Skeele and Dea. E. Adams were appointed Committee of Nominations.

All ordained Ministers present, during the meeting of the Conference were invited to participate in the deliberations of the body.

11 o'CLOCK. Public Worship. Introductory services, by Rev. C. Hart. Singing Hymns 194 and 84 Select. Sermon by Rev. B. F. Pu of Waukegan, Illinois, from Romans 1 : 16.

The singing throughout all the exercises of Conference, was approp and nobly sustained by the *Congregation*.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M. The Conference having resumed its one hour was spent in Devotional Exercises, in which several mem the Conference participated.

3 o'CLOCK. The subject of Temperance was introduced by Rev. tlesey of Bath, together with several resolutions, which, as or delegates from the Lincoln Co. Conference, he was requested to the Maine Conference.

Addresses were made by Dea. W. A. Crocker, Rev. Dr. F Adams of Castine, Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D. D., Rev. S. C. Prof. Stowe, Rev. N. Shotwell of Va., and Rev. S. L. Pomroy, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That experience of the benefits accruing from the of the "Maine Liquor Law" has deepened our confidence in good to the community, and we hereby promise our hear Christians and as citizens, to its just and wholesome prohibitio

At 4 P. M., came the annual meeting of the

MAINE SEAMEN'S UNION;

Rev. Dr. Pond, President, in the Chair. A report was mad Chickering, followed with remarks by Rev. E. F. Cutter, R and Dea. Crocker. The Society now yields the field to the Friends Society.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE

Held its annual meeting Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock. by Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D. Singing 146 select, mon by Rev. S. Tenney of Ellsworth. John 4; 29. Co of its funds. The officers of the Society for the last ye of which Board, Rev. B. Tappan, D. D is President.

On Wednesday morning, at 5 o'clock, there was a p S. L. Pomroy, D. D., presided; and interesting addre eral of the brethren.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock A. M. The Conference w erator.

The committee appointed at the meeting of the report a plan for the establishment of a standing co

offered its report, which, on being amended, was accepted: and the Report as accepted, is as follows:

There shall be a standing committee of six persons, so constituted that one third of its members shall go out of office each year; and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this Conference.

The Committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of Nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

9 o'clock, A. M.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Held its anniversary, for which the Conference gave way. The President of the Society, Dr. Dwight, took the chair, and conducted the devotional exercises: singing 377 select, 145, Book II. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. E. S. Dwight, of Saco: 2 Chron. 15; 3. after which the report of the Treasurer, John How, Esq., was read and accepted.

The report of the Trustees was made through the Rev. Dr. Tappan, the Secretary of the Society.

On motion of Rev. S. H. Hayes, seconded by Rev. S. L. Pomroy, D. D., the report was accepted and ordered to be printed.

The Society was also ably and eloquently addressed in furtherance of its interests, by Rev. Messrs. Carruthers, Souther and Hurd. A collection was taken in aid of its funds.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Chickering of Portland.

The committee on revising the constitution of the society, presented its report, which was accepted.

The Board of Officers is the same as last year. The address of the Secretary, is Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Augusta, Me.

The Society elected for its first Preacher for 1853, Rev. S. H. Keeler: substitute, Rev. E. F. Cutter.

2 o'clock, P. M. The session was opened with prayer by Dr. Carruthers. Singing 182, Select hymn.

Prof. Stowe called the attention of the Conference to "The duty of American Churches respecting Slavery, and the colored population generally."

Rev. N. Shotwell of Va., followed Prof. Stowe by earnest and practical remarks on this subject.

After singing Hymn 114 Select, prayer was offered by Dr. Cummings, of Portland.

3 o'clock. At this hour the

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY,

held its anniversary. Rev. David Thurston, President of the Society, presided. Rev. Dr. Adams read the report; and the claims of the Society were urged upon the attention of its members, by Rev. I. C. Tarbox, Sec'y of A. E. S, Rev. A. Swasey of Mass., and Rev. Silas McKean of Vt. The services on the occasion were closed with prayer by the President of the Society.

Officers.—Rev. D. Thurston, *President;* Dr. Pond, *Vice President;* Dr. Ellingwood, *Secretary;* Prof. Smyth, *Treasurer.*

At the close of the Anniversary services of this Society, the Conference again entered on a public session.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, was read by the Secretary, Rev. S. H. Hayes. The acceptance of the report was moved by Rev. S. Souther Jr., and seconded by Rev. A. Bullard. Sec'y of Mass. S. S. S.

It was voted to accept the report; and, that the Sec'y be requested to furnish a copy for publication in the Christian Mirror.

The Rev. L. Ives Hoadley made the concluding prayer, and the Conference adjourned.

EVENING, 7½ o'clock. Conference met according to adjournment. The opening services were conducted by Rev. John Perham. Sung Ps. 46, Pt. 1. The Rev. S. L. Caldwell, Del. to the Maine State Conference from the Me. Baptist Convention, made his report; after which, the Conference was addressed by Rev. Messrs. J. Young, in behalf of A. B. Society; M. Turner, in behalf of Am. Tr. Society; Geo. L. Hovey, in behalf of Am. and Foreign Union; and by Rev. Dr. Pomroy, in behalf of A. B. Society; M. Mitchell, of Portland. Singing Doxology, and Prayer by Rev. D. M. McKeen, of Vermont.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting on Thursday Morning, at 5 o'clock, conducted by Rev. S. At 8 o'clock, A. M., Conference met, according to adjournment, and was opened by Prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee of Nominations offered the following report, which was accepted.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Rev. I. Bartlett, Primary. Rev. E. Jones, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. S. Talbot, Primary. Rev. D. Cushman, Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Rev. E. F. Cutter, Primary. Rev. B. C. Chase, Substitute.

CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND.

Rev. Wooster Parker, Primary. Rev. W. S. Sewall, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Rev. S. Thurston, Primary. Rev. H. Merrill, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

Rev. R. Woodhull, Primary. Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF WISCONSIN.
CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.

Rev. J. K. Mason, Rev. Dr. Tappan, } Primaries. Rev. S. Tenney, Rev. G. B. Little,

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (O. S.)

Rev. Dr. Carruthers, Primary. Rev. Dr. Adams, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (N. S.)

Rev. J. Perham, Primary. Rev. C. Hobart, Substitute.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, EAST.

Rev. S. C. Fessenden.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, WEST.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION, NEW BRUNSWICK.

. H. Stearns.

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

. A. Bowman. Rev. E. K. Alden.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

V. L. Hyde. Rev. J. S. Gay.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

. C. Fessenden. Rev. S. H. Hayes. Dea. E. F. Duren.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

. Souther, Jr.

COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF MINISTERS.

)rs. Dwight, Pond, Tappan, Cummings, and Rev. B. R. Allen.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Conference.	- - - - - - - - - -	Rev. J. Loring.
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:e of meeting of the Maine State Conference, Saco; on the Tuesday ling the 4th Wednesday of June, 1853.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

E. S. Dwight, Hon. P. Eastman, Bro. T. Jordan, Rev. L. S. Parker, of ford.

acher. Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D., Primary. Rev. Geo. Shepard, , Substitute.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

'. Messrs. G. E. Adams, D. D. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D. S. Thurs- E. F. Cutter. U. Balkam. Dea. A. Drummond.

Committee on Statistics reported that the form of Schedule presented last meeting of the Conference, and printed in its Minutes, be adopted.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

'. J. Blake, Del. to Gen. Assembly, (N. S.) not being present at the ıg of the Conference, made his report.

'. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., Del. to Gen Ass. of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois, presented his report.

following resolution was offered by Rev. J. W. Chickering, and d to be entered on the Minutes:

olved, That we approve the general idea of the Congregational Con- n, and recommend the attendance of any brethren who may find it nient to be present.

9 o'clock, A. M. The more public services of the Conference were intro-
uced by singing Hymn 26, Select. Prayer by Rev. Hugh de Burgh of Nova
cotia.
First.—Report of Rev. J. W. Chickering, Delegate to the Congre-
gational Union of England and Wales; and said report was entered upon
the record. (See Appendix.)
Second.—Reports of Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, viz:
Rev. J. Young, from Me. Conf. Meth. Epis. Church.
" Charles Shedd, from Gen. Ass. of N. H.
" S. KcKeen, from Gen. Convention of Vt.
" A. Swasey, from Gen Ass. of Mass.
" E. Ebbs, from Evan. Cons. of R. I.
" L. B. Rockwell, from Gen. Ass. of Conn.
Singing 13th Select Hymn.
Rev. John Gray, D. D., from Gen. Assembly, Pres. Church, (O. S.)
" B. F. Parsons, from Pres. and Cong. Conv., Wisconsin.
" Hugh de Burgh, Missionary in Nova Scotia.
Prayer by Rev. E. Ebbs, of R. I.
Report of the Committee appointed to visit the Bangor Theological Se
nary, by Rev. H. M. Stone, of Bluchill. (See Appendix.)
Annual report of the state of Religion in the General Conferen
Maine, by Rev. S. H. Hayes, Cor. Sec'y. These reports were adopte
ordered to be printed.
Prayer by Rev. L. B. Rockwell of Conn. Voted, that the report
Dr. Gray, which he was unable to read for want of time, be reque
publication in the Christian Mirror.

CLOSING SERVICES.

1½ o'clock, P. M.—Introductory Prayer by Rev. Dr. Gray. S
Rev. John Maltby, of Bangor, Philip 2; 16. Singing, Select H
Hymn 139, Book II.
The interest of these closing exercises were greatly augmen
reception of forty persons, most of whom were in the bloom of
communion of the Church, on profession of their faith. M
were children of the covenant: fourteen were baptized into the
Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost. The Pastor of the Chu
port, was assisted in this delightful service, by his brother,
Thurston. It was pleasant to see brothers in the flesh and in
uniting to put the seal of God, upon those sanctified by the S
under the Ministry of the younger brother. It was good to
so long a night among our churches, the day had dawned,
disciples had rejoiced in its light.
Singing Hymn 151, Select.
Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Messrs. Mc
ley. Singing 168, Select Hymn.
Rev. Mr. Chickering moved a vote of thanks to the Ch
and Friends in Scarsport, for their hospitality, to which
happily responded, and the Conference adjourned to meet
to the report of Committee, which had been accepted.

S. C. FESSENDEN,
E. F. CUTTER, As

the printed

REPORT

Of the state of Religion in the General Conference of Maine.

This Conference embraces 14 local conferences, and 227 churches. State St. church in Portland, and the 2d church in Frankfort have been added during the year. Whole number of additions to the churches 588; removals by death, dismission and exclusion 622; the whole number of members now reported, 16,893; 69 churches only have reported their non-resident members, and these amount to 1373. It will be seen that if the non-resident members of other churches are in the same ratio, we shall have more than 3500, which will reduce our actual membership to a little more than 13000; 37 churches besides one entire conference have made no returns, and the statistics are taken from last year's report. It is deeply to be regretted that so simple a thing as prompt and correct statistical returns cannot be secured. This neglect is unquestionably a violation of christian obligation, and let those at whose door the sin lies, do works meet for repentance. 110 churches report in their Sabbath Schools 12743 scholars, and 78 churches report donations to the amount of $24,972, 43. It was hoped that the report of donations might enlarge our ideas and provoke to greater benevolence. Few of the churches however have reported their gifts, perhaps on the principle that they should do their alms in secret. Out of the 9971,11 returned by a few of the churches in Cumberland County for example, more than $5000 was from a single church, a church which we doubt not has heretofore been distinguished for its benevolence.

There are reported 103 settled pastors, 50 stated supplies, making 153 regular laborers among 227 churches; we are confident however in the expectation that many new laborers will enter the field, and many we trust, will take upon them the pastoral office during the coming year. Surely we should entreat the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers.

During the year, two of the venerable fathers in the ministry have gone to their rest, Rev. Mighill Blood, long the pastor of the church in Bucksport, and Rev. Josiah Peet, for 38 years pastor of the church in Norridgewock.—Also, 10 pastors have been dismissed, most of whom are occupying more important spheres, and all tried and excellent men. Six have been settled.

It will be perceived by the following abstract, that the past year, though presenting many dark pictures, and recording many discouragements, has nevertheless been a year of special mercies. Nothing in a single instance has occurred to disturb the harmony of the churches, and such spiritual refreshings have not been experienced for many years. Even now at the season when all the enterprizes of our State are in their utmost activity, many churches are experiencing precious manifestations of the divine presence.—Many children and youth are crowding into the Redeemer's fold, we trust hereafter to become pillars in the church, and some, we doubt not, heralds of the truth. Revivals are reported in 17 churches, numbering more than [illegible]00 hopeful conversions; in other churches prayer has been poured out to the God of Israel, and the eye of faith already discerns the rising cloud, and may we not joyfully hope that before our next annual convocation many thousands will have turned to the Lord.

The following is an abstract of the reports from the various local Conferences.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE

Embraces 10 churches, one settled pastor, and 3 stated supplies. "We can report no revivals. Excessive worldliness prevails. The few active christians are as lights shining in thick darkness. We have but four ministers for ten churches, and one of these has labored only for a part of the year. May not this account in part for the decline of religious interest? O that more men had the Missionary Spirit. Christians are fainting for the bread of life; many are like sheep upon the mountains, and sinners are going down to death. At Lincoln we hope there has been some progress. A new house of worship has been completed, and the congregation rendered more permanent. Passadumkeag has been supplied one half instead of one fourth of the time."

Received by profession 1; died 2; dismissed 2; total 127; non-residents 10; baptisms 2; in S. Schools 112; donations $35,12.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Embraces 16 churches, 4 pastors, and 2 stated supplies. "From 7 churches no report was made. Rev. Amos Brown has been dismissed from his charge in Machias. But four Congregational churches in the County have pastors and but two are serving as stated supply, one of whom divides his labor among three congregations. In addition, a moderate amount of Missionary labor has been appended. We are favored with some tokens of good, but there is a lamentable and increasing want of ministerial labor. The prayer that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers, was never more appropriate than now."

Received by profession 15; letter 1; died 14; dismissed 1; excluded 3; total 1019; non-residents 14; baptisms 8; S. Schools 253; donations $490.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE

Comprises 11 churches, 7 pastors, and 3 stated supplies. The churches in Tremont and Mt. Desert have been cheered and strengthened by the labors of Rev. Samuel Bowker, and are contemplating the erection of a commodious house of worship in an eligible position. Some reviving influences for months have been experienced in Castine, but no general revivals are reported.

Received by profession 16: by letter 6; died 15; dismissed 13; total 976; non-resident 94; baptisms 25; in S. Schools 1099; donations $1437,07.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE

Comprises 17 churches, 8 pastors, and 4 who are laboring as stated supply. "Several of these churches have had, and still have occasion to bless the Great Head of the church, for the out-pouring of his Spirit upon them, in the conversion of sinners." The three churches in Bangor, the 1st church in Brewer, and the church in Dedham share in this work.

Received by profession 31; letter 28; died 25; dismissed 27; total 1 non-resident 239; baptisms 30; in the S. Schools 1935; donations $41

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE

Includes 13 churches, 4 pastors, and 2 stated supplies. "Our chu says the report, "are all Missionary churches, and most of them are In Abbot, Exeter, Milo and Sebec, they are bordering on extinction cause of benevolence is on the increase. Seven churches have rais mostly for Home and Foreign missions. Our hopes for the future so strong as we could desire, but we are by no means discouraged."

Received by profession 18; by letter 8; died 6; dismissed 18; 2; total 610; non-residents 50; baptisms 26; donations $110.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE

mbraces 14 churches, 2 settled pastors, and 5 stated supplies. "The church . Norridgewock has experienced a sad bereavement in the death of their te pastor, Rev. Josiah Peet, who after having labored with them in the spel ministry for the space of 38 years, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, on the 3th of February last. The churches though faint are yet pursuing."

Received by profession 4; by letter 6; died 9; dismissed 19; total 593; on-resident 139; baptisms 12; in the S. School 767; donations $115,35.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE

ot reported in full. The whole number of churches 16, pastors 7, stated pplies 4. Some changes have occurred in the ministry during the year. wo pastors have been dismissed, and two others have been settled. Sever- churches have been blessed with the out-pourings of the Spirit; the most tensive work has been enjoyed in Waterville.

Received by profession 13; by letter 22; died 18; dismissed 8; excluded ; total 1062; non-resident 53; baptisms 16; Sabbath School 1052; donations 1769,47.

WALDO CONFERENCE

mbraces 11 churches, 5 pastors, and 1 stated supply; two pastors having ately been dismissed, and one laboring as stated supply has left for a field in the West. In N. Belfast there has been a good degree of interest, and six persons are propounded for admission to the church. In Jackson there have been 10 or 12 hopeful conversions. In Searsport there has been a very precious revival. So rapid was its progress, that in three weeks after the first inquiry meeting of 7 persons, more than 40 were indulging hope. Forty-two now stand propounded for admission to the church, and others it is expected in due time will make a public profession of their faith. Most of the churches in this Conference are feeble, and more than half are now destitute of pastors, yet there has been a good degree of prosperity during the year, and trusting in the God of Jacob, they are looking for greater mercies.

Received by profession 28; letter 5; died 20; dismissed 15; excluded 3; total 809; non-resident 144; baptisms 31; in S. School 1028; donations $1035,69.

LINCOLN CONFERFNCE

Includes 22 churches, 9 pastors and 5 stated supplies. Rev. Dr. Clement has been called to a larger field of labor in another State, and others have left who were laboring as stated supplies; yet says the report, "notwithstanding discouragements, a brighter prospect is beginning to dawn, and we feel encouraged to believe that God is even now beginning to turn the captivity of Zion." The churches in Alna, Rockland, Thomaston, Central and Winter St. churches in Bath, have been visited with reviving influences.—In Rev. Mr. Fisk's congregation, 15 or 20 in the Sabbath School give pleasing evidence of conversion."

Received by profession 32; letter 8; died 33; dismissed 13; excluded 9; total 2076; non-resident 9; baptisms 28; in the S. School 1103; donations $119,51.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE

Embraces 13 churches, 3 pastors, and 6 stated supplies. No general revivals are reported, but occasional conversions. Where there has been preaching, congregations have been good, solemn and encouraging; Sabbath Schools have made great progress; the cause of Temperance has received an onward and upward impulse; Home and Foreign Missions have had their remem-

brance in our prayers and alms; nor have the colored race "in bonds" in our land by any means been overlooked. It is expected that a church will be organized at Farmington Falls, where Rev. J. R. Deering is now laboring with much acceptance. Several of the feeble churches in this county have been supplied for a portion of the time during the year, and the Bible distribution has been prosecuted with vigor among the destitute.

Received by profession 24; letter 8; died 11; dismissed 17; excluded 1; total 730; non-resident 45; baptisms 18.

OXFORD CONFERENCE

Comprises 12 churches, 6 pastors, and 3 stated supplies. "Although there has been no special interest," says the report, "in any of the churches of the conference during the past year, there has been an equal, if not a greater degree of interest in attending upon the preaching of the Gospel. The interest in the Sabbath School has been greatly increased. Thus it is hoped the seed has been sown that will bring much fruit into the garner of the Lord. Even now, there are some favorable indications of the descent of God's Spirit upon some of these churches."

Received by profession 10; letter 7; died 13; dismissed 15; total 773; non-resident 107; baptisms 9; in S. Schools 747; donations $312,19.

UNION CONFERENCE

Embraces 13 churches, 9 pastors, and 3 stated supplies. In the church in N. Bridgton, God has revived his work, and 25 have recently indulged hope The church in Harrison has also received a refreshing from the presence o the Lord, and 27 are rejoicing in hope. The church in Waterford has bee greatly blessed, and 50 or 60 are reckoned among those who have pass from death unto life. There is a prospect that the Lord is about to do great work for his people in Otisfield. The converts are mostly from t young, some of whom it is expected will enter the ministry. It is hop that other churches are waking to duty, and seeking the Lord that he r come and reign in righteousness among them.

Received by profession 32; by letter 6; died 16, dismissed 5; exclu 1; total 1074; non-resident 35; baptisms 11; in Sabbath Schools 760; nations $150.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

Embraces 33 churches, 22 settled pastors, and 7 stated supplies. Fou tors have been dismissed and 2 settled. "Peace and harmony gen prevail. To most of the churches there have been additions by pro from 1 to 20. The churches in Auburn and Minot have enjoyed p revivals, there having been about fifty hopeful conversions in each pl

Received by profession 100; by letter 74; died 58; dismissed 10 cluded 16: total 3766; non-resident 155; baptisms 120; in Sab. 2258; donations $9971,11.

YORK CONFERENCE

Contains 26 churches, 15 pastors, and 7 stated supplies. Those report a good degree of harmony; a sustained attendance on pul ship; increase of contributions; improvement of meeting houses sonages; in a word, a good degree of external prosperity, while th received by profession is larger than for any one of the nine previ

Received by profession 42; by letter 40; died 49; dismissed 38 ed 2; total 2069; non-resident 324; baptisms 40; in S. Schools nations $1659,45.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT GORHAM, DECEMBER 25, 1822.

Annual meeting, Tuesday next preceding 2d Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday next preceding 2d Wednesday in January. Next meeting in Brunswick, January 11, 1853.

Rev. J. PERHAM, Moderator. Rev. CHARLES DAME, Scribe. Dea. DANIEL EVANS, of Portland, Treasurer.

S. S. SIGNIFIES STATED SUPPLY. * AS REPORTED LAST YEAR.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.			MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.			ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.			Total No. of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
						PROF.	LETTER.	DEATHS.	DISMISS.	EXC.					
Auburn,	May 30,	1844,	Thomas N. Lord, s.s,			20	1	1			133	6	19	125	$175 00
Baldwin,	May,	1821,	Cyril Pearl,		1850,						*16				
Brunswick,		1747,	Geo. E. Adams, D.D,	Dec. 30,	1829,	11	21	1	4		211		7		
Cape Elizabeth,		1734,	Nathan W. Sheldon, s. s.,		1852,						36			30	
Cumberland,	Sep.	1793,	Joseph Blake,	March,	1841,	1	1	1	2		129	18	8	85	240 00
Durham,	May,	1796,	Jonas Fiske, s. s,		1849,			3		1	44			52	30 00
Falmouth, 1st,		1754,	Charles Dame,	May 29,	1839,			3			136		8		
" 2d,	Sep. 2,	1830,	John Wilde,		1845,	2		2	6		86		1	100	
Freeport,	Dec. 21,	1789,	J. Conklin,	Jan 1,	1852,	4	7	4			197		2	125	
Gorham,		1750,	John R. Adams,		1846,	1	1	1	2		176		6		
Gray,	Aug.,	1774,	Allen Lincoln,		1845,						58			66	40 00
Harpswell,		1753,	Elijah Kellogg,		1843,	4					56	1		40	
Lewiston Falls,		1825,	James Drummond,	Oct. 12,	1842,	9	3	3	1	4	129			120	
Mechanic Falls,			Enos Merrill,		1847,	4	1				46			80	57 00
Minot,	Sep. 8,	1791,	Elijah Jones,	Feb. 12,	1823,			3	1		145				
" West,			Isaac Carlton,		1852,			1			30			80	
New Gloucester,	June 10,	1764,	H. Merrill, s.s.,		1851,	9	2	2		2	163		6	171	
Poland,	Nov. 2,	1825,	Stephen Gould,		1847,	1	1	1			46				
Portland 2d ch.,	Nov. 30,	1788,	John J. Carruthers, D. D.,	Aug 9,	1846,	9	6	11	11	4	349	25	14	223	1500 00
" 3d ch.,	Sep. 9,	1825,	Wm. T Dwight, D.D.,	June 6,	1832,	8	6	5	6	3	247	30	9	200	2003 59
" High st.,	Sept., 9,	1831,	John W. Chickering,	April 2,	1835,	13	13	7	57		333	30	24	200	5021 08
" State st.,	March 17,	1852,									59				
" Abyssinian,											*76				
" Bethel,	Sep. 24,	1840,	J. R. French, s. s.,	May,	1851,						15			60	
Pownal,	March 20,	1811,						1	4	1	130	20	3	100	108 44

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE—Continued.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.								
				PROFES.	LETTER.	DEATH.	DISMISS.	REC.	Total of Members.	Non-Residents.	aptisms.	Sc. to Schools.		
Raymond,	Nov., 1813,	J. B. Thornton,	1851,	1	2	2		1	11			2		$6 00
Scarborough,	Oct., 1727,	J. B. Hadley,	1851,						*98					
Standish,	Oct., 1768,	C. E. Lord, s. s.,	1852,	2	3		3		56			2		750 00
Westbrook, 1st,	April, 1765,	John L. Ashby,	1851,		4	4			*67					
" 2d,	1832,	John Perham,	1851,		1				90					
Windham,	Dec., 1743,	Edmund K. Alden,	Jan 2, 1850,	1	1	2			58		25	7	401	
Yarmouth,	Nov. 18, 1730,	Caleb Hobart,	Dec. 3, 1853,						261			2		9071 11
" North,	Oct. 1, 1806,								99					
				100	74	58	105	16	3766		155	120	2258	

THIRTY-THREE. TWENTY-NINE.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT STRONG, JANUARY 15, 1839.

Annual Meeting, 3d Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual

Next meeting in Temple.

Rev. ISAAC ROGERS, Moderator. AUGUSTUS F. HOLT, of New Sharon, Scribe.

Chesterville,	Oct., 1796,	Isaac Rogers,	March 9, 1820,	5	1	3	1	1	40		3			
	1814,					2	6		125					
	1802,	David Turner, s.s.,	1851,	4	2	3	4		21					
							1		71					
							2		10					
									15					
									100					
									39					
									54		45	3		
									66			19		
									83					
									92					
									44		45	18		

MINUTES OF THE

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT WINTHROP, OCT. 9, 1823.

Annual meeting second Tuesday in June. Semi-annual meeting fourth Tuesday in January.

Place of next meeting, Augusta, January 25, 1853.

RODNEY G. LINCOLN, Esq., of Hallowell, Moderator. Rev. WM. L. HYDE, Scribe.

Albion,	Sep.,	1803,										*21				
Augusta, North,			David Thurston, s.s.,		1851,							30			89	
" South,	Oct.,	1794,	Edwin B. Webb,	Sep.,	1850,	2	2			2		241			270	1004 47
Benton,			Benj. Tappan, D.D., s.s.,		1851,							*19				
Gardiner,	July 28,	1835,	Wm. L. Hyde,		1849,		4	1	1			75	8	1	110	70 00
Hallowell,	July 25,	1790,	John P. Skeele,	Oct. 9,	1850,	1	6	6		1		204	45	7	173	500 00
Litchfield,	June 6,	1811,	B. Smith s.s.,	June,	1852,	1		2	2			55				
Pittston, 1st,	Nov. 17,	1812,	Joshua S. Gay,		1852,		1		2			47		4	} 68	
" 2d,	Nov.,	1850,	Joshua S. Gay,		1852,							15		2		
Richmond,	Feb. 9,	1827,	Pliny F. Barnard,		1847,	2	1	2				31		2	100	195 00
Sidney,		1831,	David Thurston s.s.,		1851,							12				
Vassalboro,	July 28,	1818,	David Thurston, s.s.,		1851,		1	2	1			31				
Waterville,		1827,	Richard B. Thurston,		1847,	3	1	1		1		38			66	
Windsor,		1820,										28				
Winslow,	Aug. 27,	1828,	David Shepley s.s.,		1851,	2	2	3		2		61			61	
Winthrop,	Sep. 4,	1776,	Rufus M. Sawyer,	Oct. 15,	1851,	2	4	1	2			154			115	
SIXTEEN.			ELEVEN.			13	22	18	8	6		1062	53	16	1052	1769 47

HANCOCK CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT BUCKSPORT, MAY 10, 1825.

Annual meeting, first Tuesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, first Tuesday in October.

Next place of meeting, Mount Desert, (Some's Village,) Oct. 5, 1852.

Rev. DANIEL SEWALL, Moderator. Rev. H. S. LORING, Scribe.

Aurora and Amherst,	Sep. 14,	1830,	Henry S. Loring,	June 20,	1850,						31	9	3	100	115 00
Bluehill,	Oct.,	1772,	Harvey M. Stone,		1847,	10	3	8	3		146		14	114	127 42
Bucksport,	May 12,	1803,	J. B. E. Walker,	Oct. 27,	1847,	1		2	3		150	15	1	115	440 00
Brooksville West,	Jan. 4,	1826,	J. G. Merrill,	March,	1850,						53	7	1	75	11 00
Castine Trin. Church,		1820,	Daniel Sewall,		1845,	2	2	2			82		1	135	395 65
Deer Isle,		1773,	Jona. Adams, s.s.,		1834,				4		185	25		100	30 00
Ellsworth,	Sep. 8,	1812,	Sewall Tenney,	Nov. 11,	1835,			2			106	20	3	200	295 00
Orland,		1850,	Hiram Houston,	Sep.,	1850,	3					27		2	70	43 00

HANCOCK CONFERENCE—Continued.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.	ADMISSIONS. PROF.	ADMISSIONS. LETTER.	REMOVALS. DEATHS.	REMOVALS. DISMIS.	REMOVALS. EXC.	Total of members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in Sab. Schools.	Amt. of Salaries.
Sedgwick, Sep. 17, 1793,	Manning Ellis, s.s., 1849,						*45			40	50 00
" Village, Oct. 25, 1847,	Samuel Bowker, s.s., Sept., 1851,	16	6	15	13	1	39	8		150	
Tremont and Mt. Desert, 1790,							118				1437 97
ELEVEN.							976	91	25	1099	

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED IN BROWNVILLE, (THEN IN PENOBSCOT CO.,) JANUARY 11, 1825.

Annual meeting, second Tuesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, second Tuesday in January.

Place of next meeting, Orono, January 11, 1853. E. F. DUREN, of Bangor, Treasurer.

Rev. JOHN MALTBY, Moderator. Rev. GEO. B. LITTLE, Scribe.

Bangor, 1st church,	Nov. 27, 1811,	Geo. B. Little,	Oct. 11, 1849,	4	5	2	10		298	73	7	250	1929 00
" Hammond st.,	Dec. 5, 1833,	John Maltby,	July 23, 1834,	7	10	7	8		245	37	6	300	1936 00
" Central,	April 1, 1847,	Geo. Shepard, D.D., s.s.,	April 1, 1847,	5	3	3			72	12	3	200	
" North,	June, 1838,					1			25	11		130	550 00
" 3d church,	1800,	Geo. W. Field, s.s.,	Jan. 21, 1852,			2	1		104			106	600 00
	July 12, 1827,	Thomas Smith,	Jan. 21, 1840,			1			99			50	
	1827,					2	1		16	4	2	30	
					2	1			*19			81	93 00
					1				39	4		45	93 00
						1			90	3		90	
									*14			123	245 00
			Jan. 1, 1850,			2	1		84	20	2	125	95 00
			1840,						83	12	1	100	95 00
									16			100	95 00
													95 00
				4	2	2					4		4184 97

ORGANIZED OCTOBER 7, 1823.

Annual meeting, first Tuesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, first Tuesday in October.
Next meeting in Sanford, October 5, 1852.

Rev. ALBERT W. FISKE, Moderator. Rev. GEO. W. CRESSEY, Scribe and Treasurer.

Acton,	Sep. 18,	1781.	Wm. Pierce, s.s.,		1851.			4	2		63	18		59	
Alfred,	Sep.	1791.	John Orr,	May 7,	1846.	3	3		3		113	20		90	47 00
Biddeford, 1st,	April 30,	1730.	Levi Loring, s.s.,		1851.	2	4	3	3		82		2		
" 2d,		1805.	L. S. Parker, s.s.,		1852.	3	1	1	1		96	16	9	96	
Buxton,		1763.	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 7,	1847.	1		4			73	15		104	43 00
" North,			Geo. W. Cressey, s.s.,		1852.										
Cornish,											*12				
Elliott,	June 22,	1721.	Jeffrey Hall, s.s.,		1851.			9			80	10		55	
Kennebunk,		1750.					3				84	22		60	133 00
" Union,	Aug. 15,	1826.				4					*5				
" Port 1st ch.,	Nov.	1730.	John Baker,	Sep. 26,	1849.	1	1				71			70	48 00
" South,	Jan. 30,	1838.	Geo. A. Bowman,	Aug. 9,	1848.			3			80	13	4	80	157 00
Kittery,	Nov. 4,	1714.	Albert W. Fiske,*	July 18,	1850.	3	1				48		2	51	41 00
Lebanon,	June 26,	1765.	Joseph Loring,	Oct. 12,	1836.	3					88				
Limerick,	July 5,	1795.	Charles Freeman,	Jan. 19,	1820.	2	4	2	6		83	16	3	71	163 00
Limington,	Oct.	1789.	John H. Garman,	Nov. 3,	1847.	1	1		2		93	29	7	125	36 00
Lyman,	Nov.	1801.	Amasa Loring, s.s.,	Jan.	1849.	6	2	6	2		129	20		100	35 00
Newfield,	July,	1801.	Edmund Burt,†	Sep. 19,	1849.	8	1		2	1	68	10	4	50	32 00
Parsonsfield,	Jan.	1795.									*26				
Saco,	Oct. 13,	1762.	Edward S. Dwight,	Dec. 22,	1844.	3	6	6	2		216	49	4	140	438 45
Sanford,	July 19,	1786.	Albert Cole, s.s.,		1850.			1	3	1	55	11		50	45 00
Shapleigh,		1823.									*19				
South Berwick,	June 4,	1702.	Benj. R. Allen,	Oct. 12,	1842.	1	2		4		130				150 00
Wells, 1st,		1701.	James R. Cushing,	Nov. 20,	1844.			2	8		172	50		136	
" 2d,	Aug.	1831.	Jacob C. Goss,	Mar. 19,	1851.	1	8	3			67	14			165 00
York, 1st,		1673.	John Smith,	Oct. 9,	1850.		3	1			87			75	186 00
" 2d,		1732.	Morris Holman, ‡	Jan.	1845.						*29				
TWENTY-SIX.			TWENTY-TWO.			42	40	49	38	2	2069	324	40	1412	1719 45

* P. O. Address, Kittery Point. † P. O. Address, West Newfield. ‡ P. O. Address, Scotland.

LINCOLN CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT ALNA, JUNE 8, 1825.

Annual meeting, second Tuesday in June. (No Semi-annual meeting.)

Place of next meeting, Warren, June 14, 1853.

Rev. S. S. DRAKE, Scribe.

Dea. R. C. WEBB, of Waldoboro, last Moderator.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.			Total No. of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in Sab. Schools.	Total of Donations.	
				Prof.	Letter.	Dismis.	Dismis.	Excl.						
Alna,	Sep. 27, 1791.	Samuel Talbot,	1843.				1		74			50		
Bath, Winter st.,	Dec. 8, 1795.	John O. Fiske,	Aug. 17, 1843.						213			250		
" Central,	1835.	E. Whittlesey,	1843.	3	15	6		1	125					
Boothbay, 1st,	June 13, 1849.		1851.			2			*100					
" Harbor,	1767.	David Cushman, S.S.,							57					
Bremen,	1783.	C. Morgridge, S.S.,							17					
Bristol,		Ivory Kimball, S.S.,							59		4			
Edgecomb,			1850.	2	1	3		2	100					
Jefferson,			1850.						*9					
Lisbon,			1851.			3			*23					
Newcastle, 1st,	Oct. 4, 1797.	David Cushman, S.S.,							45			85		
" 2d,	Aug. 4, 1843.	E. G. Carpenter,				2		1	122			85	119 51	
	July 1, 1765.	Samuel S. Drake,				2			210	9		190		
Phipsburg,	March 8, 1838.	Samuel C. Fessenden,	1845.	6		6		7	72		3			
Rockland,	1809.	Richard Woodhull,	1851.						114					
Thomaston,	May, 1769.		1850.	4		1			*120			70		
Topsham,	1803.		1838.	3					80		7	140		
Union,	1807	D. F. Potter, S.S.,	1852.			1			100		9			
	Aug. 1838.	John Dodge,	1851.	10		4			119					
				2	1	1		2	114			190		
			June 15, 1842.						68					
			1845.	2		1			99					
			1852.			3								
				39		31		13	0	9076	9	98	1103	119 51

SOMERSET CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT NORRIDGEWOCK, OCT. 1, 1823.

Annual meeting, Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, time fixed by Com. of Arrangements.
Next annual meeting at St. Albans, June 7, 1853. Semi-annual at Bloomfield.

Rev. GEO. W. HATHAWAY, Moderator. Rev. ASA T. LORING, Scribe and Treasurer.

Anson,			Thos. G. Mitchell, s.s.,		1851.			1			43	20				
Athens,											3	2				
Bingham,	July 24,	1805.	S. Turner,	Jan. 6,	1847.		2		1		69	39	1	55	13	35
Bloomfield,	Nov. 18,	1801.	Geo. W. Hathaway,	Mar. 20,	1833.			1	3		94	17	1	152	35	00
Cornville,			Gee. W. Fargo, s s.,		1847.			1			8					
Fairfield,	Aug.	1815.	Geo. W. Fargo, s.s.,		1851.			1			15					
Flagstaff,											*37					
Madison,	March,	1826.	Thos. G. Mitchell, s.s.,		1851.				1		35	11		140	31	00
Mercer,		1822.	J. K. Deering, s.s.,		1852.	1			7		52	13				
Norridgewock,	Sep. 22,	1797.						3	3		87	16	3	130		
Skowhegan,	Dec. 6,	1841.	Asa T. Loring, s.s.,		1848.		2	1			24	6		100	31	00
Solon Village,	Jan. 25,	1842.	Sidney Turner, s.s.,		1847.						10		1	70		
" South,	Sep. 30,	1806.	Asa T. Loring, s.s.,	Feb.	1849.	3	1		1		54	11	6	40	5	00
St. Albans,	June 29,	1830.	Peter B. Thayer, s.s.,*		1849.		1	1	3		62	4		80		
FOURTEEN.			SEVEN.			4	6	9	19		593	139	12	767	115	35

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT HOULTON, JAN. 21, 1844.

Annual meeting, Saturday after 3d Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, Saturday after 3d Wednesday in January.
Next place of meeting, North Lincoln, Dec. 25, 1852.

Rev. E. FOBES, Moderator. Rev. A. J. BATES, Scribe and Treasurer.

Fort Fairfield,																
Hodgdon,			Rufus W. Emerson, s.s.,		1851.	1					14					
Houlton,	Jan. 24,	1833.						1			23					
Letter 5,																
Lincoln,		1831.	Alvan J. Bates,		1847.			1	2		27	10	2	60	15	00
Monticello,	Jan. 25,	1833.	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s.,		1851.						4					
Passadumkeag,			Wm. A. Merrill, s.s.,	Oct.	1851.						8			52	19	00
Patten.	Feb.	1841.	Charles Soule, s.s.,		1851.						24					
Salmon Brook,						*					8					
Springfield,		1842.									19				4	12
TEN.			FOUR.			1		2	2		127	10	2	112	38	12

* P. O. Address, Garland.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT FOXCROFT, SEPT. 15, 1839.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 3d Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting, 3d Tuesday in December.

Next meeting in Monson, Dec. 21, 1852.

Hon. JAMES BELL, Moderator. Rev. H. ILSLEY, Scribe and Treasurer.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.			Total of members.	Non Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in Sch'ols.	Total of Donations.
				PROF.	LETTER.	DEATHS.	DISMISS.	ETC.					
Abbot,	Feb. 2, 1841.								11				
Atkinson,	March, 1842.			3					31		3		
Blanchard,	March, 1833.	John A. Perry, s.s.,	1850.	1			1	2	57		2		
Bradford,				2		1	2		27		3		
Brownville,	Aug. 1819.	Wm. S. Sewall, Sep. 25,	1839.	6	2	1	3		78		14		
Dexter,		Phillip Titcomb, s.s.,	1852.				2		57				
Exeter,	1835.								*19				
Foxcroft and Dover,	Dec. 30, 1822.	Wooster Parker, * Nov. 9,	1842.	6	2	2	3		135	27			
Garland,	March, 1810.	Peter B. Thayer,	1846.						63		3		
Milo,									*16				
Monson,	Aug. 11, 1841.	Horatio Ilsley, Oct. 13,	1841.			2	7		84	23	1	80	110 00
Sangerville,	1828.	John A. Perry, s.s.,†	1851.						23				
Sebec,									9				
THIRTEEN.		SIX.		18	8	6	18	2	610	50	26	80	110 00

WALDO CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT SEARSPORT, JUNE 14, 1848. Hancock and Waldo Conference united, from Oct. 7, 1828, to June, 1848.

Annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday in June. Semi-annual, usually in October; sometimes in January.

Next meeting at Frankfort Mills, Oct. 12, 1852.

Rev. J. FREEMAN, Jr., Scribe and Treasurer.

WALDO CONFERENCE—Continued.

Frankfort, 2d,	Nov. 18,	1851.									14			100	30 00
Jackson and Brooks,	Oct. 6,	1812.			2		1	1			75	24	1	50	30 00
Prospect,	Oct. 16,	1839.	Joseph Freeman, Jr.,	Mar. 18, 1846.		1					49	7		103	41 88
Searsport,	Oct. 4,	1815.	Stephen Thurston,	Aug. 9, 1826.	4	1	6		3		220	38	5	275	414 00
Swanville,	June 1,	1836.									*28				
Thorndike,					2		2				25	8	5		38 00
Unity,	Dec.	1804.			14		2				34		11	70	
ELEVEN.			SIX.		28	5	20	15	3		809	144	31	1028	1035 69

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE,

ORGANIZED AT EASTPORT, FEBRUARY 18, 1829.

Annual meeting, 2d Wednesday in June. Semi-annual, 2d Wednesday in October.

Next meeting in Eastport, Oct. 13, 1852.

Rev. G. BACHELLOR, Moderator. Rev. JOHN C. ADAMS, Scribe. Dea. Wm. A. CROCKER, of Machias, Treasurer

Calais,	Aug. 17,	1835.	Samuel H. Keeler,	Nov. 20, 1839.	3		1			152			140	400 00
Cherryfield,	Nov.	1833.								*23				
Cooper,										*18				
Dennysville,	Oct. 27,	1805.	J. H. Stearns,	1844.			3			99				
Eastport,	Feb. 8,	1819.					1			88		4		
Jonesboro,										*15				
Lubec,		1818.								*10				
Machias,		1792.			7		5			168				
" East,		1826.	John C. Adams, s.s.,	1849.	4	1	2	1	3	117		4		
" Port,	Dec.	1830.								*56				
Northfield,			Gilman Bachellor, s.s.,	1850.						13				
Pembroke,										*29				
Perry,	Oct. 7,	1822.	Abijah Stowell,	1848.						100				
Robbinston,	Nov. 24,	1811.	David B. Sewall,	Jan. 19, 1841.	1		2			90	14		113	90 00
Whiting,										*13				
Whitneyville,										*28				
SIXTEEN.			SIX.		15	1	14	1	3	1019	14	8	253	490 00

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZED AT BRIDGTON, JANUARY 6, 1824.

Annual meeting, 1st Tuesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, 3d Tuesday in October.

Next meeting in Shelburne, Oct. 19, 1852.

Rev. ISAAC CARLTON, last Moderator. Rev. JOHN H. M. LELAND, Scribe and Treasurer.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.			Total of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.	
				PROFES.	LETTER.	DEATHS.	DISMIS.	ETC.						
Andover,	Nov. 1800.	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851.		3		1		35	5		90	35	25
Bethel, 1st,	Oct. 7, 1799.	John H. M. Leland,	July 3, 1850.	27	2	1	6		102	22	6	125	106	93
" 2d,	June 31, 1849.	David Garland,	Aug. 15, 1849.			1			40			104	30	03
Dixfield,	May, 1818.					2			26	9		50		
Gilead,	1802.				2				29					
Norway,	May 31, 1826.					2	2		105	21		55		
Oxford,	Aug. 5; 1803.					1			47			80		
Rumford,	Nov. 9, 1812.	H. W. Strong, s.s.,	June 29, 1850.			2	4		72	16		110	57	00
South Paris,	Sep. 9, 1802.	Isaac Carlton,	1839.			1	2		126	20		75	16	50
Sumner,		E. S. Hopkins, *	Nov. 1, 1840.			3	1		82			35		
Shelburne, N. H.,	May 16. 1784.	Francis Dyer,	June 1, 1852.				1		9	14	1	84	61	44
Turner,		Benjamin Willey, s.s.,	1851.	1					87					
		John Dodd, s.s.,	1848.				1							
	TWELVE.		NINE.	10	7	13	15		773	107	9	747	312	19

UNION CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZED IN SOUTH BRIDGTON, JUNE 14, 1836. (Formerly comprised in Oxford and Cumberland Conferences.)

Annual meeting, Tuesday before 3d Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday before 4th Wednesday in December.

Next meeting in Dec. 21, 1852.

Rev. J. P. RICHARDSON, Scribe.

Albany,	Sep.	1803.	Geo. F. Tewksbury,	Jan. 31,	1838.			2			75				
Bridgton,	Aug.	1784.	Josiah T. Hawes,		1850.				1		*89				
" South,	Dec. 30,	1829.	Joseph P. Fessenden,	Feb. 10,	1830.			2			49				
" North,	Nov. 16,	1832.	Leonard W. Harris,	Nov. 2,	1842.	3	1			1	45		1	50	
Brownfield,		1806.	David Gerry,	Dec. 25,	1839.			1			41		3	40	
Denmark,	July,	1829.									37				
Fryeburg,	Aug.	1775.	Carlton Hurd,	Sep. 17,	1823.	2	2	4			190			100	
Hiram,		1826.	David Gerry, s.s.,	Dec. 25,	1839.	2					14		3	40	
Harrison,	Feb. 15,	1826.	Charles Packard,		1850.	17	1		3		97			75	
Lovell,	Oct. 6,	1798.	S. Wentworth, s.s.,		1848.				1		67			105	
Otisfield,	Nov. 23,	1797.	J. P. Richardson,	Oct. 22,	1833.	3	2	2			150	35		150	150 00
Sweden,	Nov.	1817.	Isaac Weston, s.s.,		1851.						*46				
Waterford,	Oct.	1799.	John A. Douglass,	Nov. 7,	1821.	5		3			174		4	200	
THIRTEEN.			ELEVEN.			32	6	16	5	1	1074	35	11	760	150 00

*** Each County Conference continues its annual and semi-annual sessions, two days. The General Conference in its annual meeting, occupies three days.

SUMMARY.

General Conference of Maine, organized in Dr. Payson's Church, Portland, Jan. 1

Conferences.	No. of churches.	Ministers.	Admiss. Profess.	Admiss. Letter.	Removals. Deaths.	Removals. Dismissals	Removals. Exc.	Total of members.	Non-residents.	Baptisms.	No. of S. Schools.
Aroostook,	10	4	1		2	2		127	10	2	112
Cumberland,	33	29	100	74	58	105	16	3766	155	120	2256
Franklin,	13	7	24	8	11	17	1	730	45	18	
Hancock,	11	10	16	6	15	13	1	976	94	25	1099
Kennebec,	16	11	13	22	18	8	6	1068	53	16	1032
Lincoln,	22	14	32	8	33	13	2	2076	9	28	1100
Oxford,	12	9	10	7	13	15	1	773	107	9	742
Penobscot,	17	12	31	28	25	27		1212	239	30	1935
Piscataquis,	13	6	18	8	6	18	2	610	50	26	89
Somerset,	14	7	4	6	9	19		593	139	12	767
Union,	13	11	39	6	16	5	1	1074	35	11	780
Waldo,	11	6	25	5	20	15	3	809	144	31	1098
Washington,	16	6	15	1	14	1	3	1019	14	8	253
York,	23	22	42	40	49	38	2	2069	394	40	1419
Totals.	227	135	370	219	289	296	44	16886	1418	376	12906

Ordained Ministers without Pastoral ch

Silas Baker,	Kenn
Alden B. Boynton,	Wisc
John Boynton,	Wisc
Caleb Bradley,	Wes
James Carruthers,	Port
Asa Cummings, D. D., Editor of Christian Mirror,	Port
J. W. Ellingwood, D. D.,	Bat
Marcus R. Keep,	No
Freeman Parker,	W
H. A. Merrill,	W
Enoch Pond, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary,	B
John Sawyer,	G
George Shepard, D. D., Professor in Theological Seminary,	P
D. Talcott Smith, Professor in Theological Seminary,	P
William Smyth, Professor in Bowdoin College,	J
Calvin E. Stowe, D. D., Professor in Bowdoin College,	
Samuel Souther, Jr., Agent Am. S. S. Union,	
Thomas C. Upham, D. D., Professor in Bowdoin College,	
Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D., President of Bowdoin College,	
Isaac Weston,	
James Weston.	

* This amount does not include generally, the sum paid or subsc Professorships in the Theological Seminary, Bangor: or the Collin and Revealed Religion, Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

[EOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT BANGOR.

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

rt of your Committee appointed to visit the Theological Seminary gor, were present at the examination, and the public services of the rsary in August last; also at the Corporate Session of the Board of s, and heard with anxious solicitude, their statement of the financial on of the Seminary.

' are now happy to report that the examination, and the exercises of iversary, were highly gratifying.

ıe several departments of sacred learning, the examination was pro- and thorough; abundantly evincing both the ability and fidelity of chers, and the careful, penetrating investigation of the taught.

ıe Hebrew and Greek literature of the Sacred Scriptures, as also in stical History, and Systematic Theology, there was a familiarity and ss apparent, indicative of strength, energy, and diligence.

student seemed to have been carefully fortified, against those wild and ıus theories, and speculative notions, which have at different periods h agitated and weakened the energies of the christian church, as well, nst those transcendental views of French and Germanistic infidelity, at the present time, are exerting their baneful influences.

cially were your committee gratified at the lucid and forcible defining stian doctrines, the ability with which they were defended, and the ss in adducing suitable scriptures for this purpose.

public performances of the graduating class were of an order highly ble to themselves, and equally commendatory of the institution and essors.

just to observe, that the class had been in some respects unfortunate. ion of the first year in the Seminary, it was large. But from various it was gradually diminished, until it became smaller than the ı number. Only eight graduated. Still, it is a class of strong, l, enterprising men, who *know how* to labor for Christ, and are *willing* . And they *are* doing it.

' of them are laboring in Maine, three in Massachusetts, and one is ıg a fourth year at the Seminary. Three of this number are settled

regarded by your committee, a just occasion for devout praise to the ı Disposer of events, that midst the pecuniary embarrassment of the ion for the several last years, presenting so much discouragement; ıe multiplied motives presented from abroad to attract, at least one of ı other places, this excellent, devoted band of men, still remains un-

ral hundred volumes have been added to the Library during the nd it is now one of the best Theological Libraries in New England. buildings remain as they have been for several years past. The hope n indulged, nor is it yet altogether abandoned, that the walls of a would be reared the present season. The need of such a building is eat. Especially is it so, with reference to accommodations for the r. At present, the Library is kept in a wooden building used in r other purposes, and in which several fires are kept burning during

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s point, your committee would reiterate the inquiry made a year Whether the duty of Maine Students to patronize this Seminary has iciently considered?"

inaries in other States have *their* peculiar advantages, so has *ours* nd the facilities which it offers for the developement of a thorough ient ministry, will compare not unfavorably we believe, with those r institutions in our country. And if it is important to the spirit- ure of our State, that this Seminary be sustained, is it not equally tant that the Seminary shall receive the patronage of Maine Stu- If its Professors *have*, and are making sacrifice for it, leaving other nd one of them refusing to hear the repeated, and tempting calls, eligable positions and stations, is it not incumbent on the *Sons* and of Maine, to ponder well the propriety of withdrawing *their* pat- o its great detriment? Have *they* no duty to perform respecting it? clusion, allow your committee to direct attention briefly, to the in- ss of the *churches* and the *people* of Maine to this Seminary. If it v.d *much* from the churches, it has given back *more*. It has trained ished *more than half of our ministers*. Consider what in all prob- ust to day have been the moral and religious aspect of our State, his supply. How many churches that had been gathered must have extinct!—And how many would never have existed, that now do, doing much promote and extend the Redeemer's kingdom! A very portion of those constituting our churches at present, have been d and gathered in, through the instrumentality of men, trained at itution. And it cannot well be doubted, that very much of the l prosperity, and the moral elevation which characterizes our State, result of the salutary influences exerted by *their* labors. Let all n be swept away to day, and all the results of their labors and in- be taken also away, and who can conceive, the *evil*, and almost condition of our State? But besides these, it has sent out ministers than twenty other states and territories, and to distant heathen s, to break the bread of life to those who are famishing; to carry those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. In view, then, has already been accomplished for our state, our country, and the rough the instrumentality of this Seminary, our churches and people, rly discover their great indebtedness thereto. And seeing the still stitution of *our* State, and the *greater* destitution of our country as , and this constantly increased by the amazing influx of foreign pop- and finally, seeing the necessities of a perishing world of heathen, and crying for the heralds of salvation to teach them the way of life; et, the laborers are too *few*, to allow a response to their urgent calls, fail to be impressed with the vast importance, which attaches to sperity and *enlargement* of this institution. Who that loves the ER's cause, and the souls of men, can fail to pray, and to *contribute ly*, as God hath prospered them, for its speedy enlargement? So *le hosts* may go forth in rapid succession, instead of a few, to fight les of the Lord, to guard the walls of Zion, and to build up and r her, till she shall become the pride and joy of the whole earth; till lerness and the solitary place shall be made glad, and the millions of ed heathen shall lift up their glad voices in hallelujahs to GOD and IS?

H. M. STONE,
Chairman of the Committee.

ees of Seminary given on page 30.

OF THE RECEPTION OF THE DELEGATION TO ENGLAND,

Made to Conference, see page 8.

Rev. J. W. Chickering, delegate from the General Conference of the gational churches of Maine, U. S., was then introduced and received eartу congratulations. He entered into some general statements on bjects of education and religion in the United States, and described 'ongregational Churches as in a healthy and happy condition. Hav- ffered to answer any questions that might be asked him, several inquir ere proposed by different brethren, principally in relation to Slaver ese were all answered satisfactorily by him, and in such a way as to sh at the churches of the Northern States were happily redeemed from mpathy with slave-dealers.

It was then resolved, on the motion of the Rev. J. C. Potter of Wh econded by the Rev. E. Jones of Plymouth,—

"That the best thanks of this meeting be presented to the Rev. Chickering for the statement he has now furnished, and that the b which he is delegated be assured, through him, their representative christian love and sympathy of the Congregational Union of Engl Wales, and of its fervent prayer for its enlargement and prosperity

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OFFICERS OF THE MAINE MISSIONARY S

See account of Meeting, page 5.

Rev. William T. Dwight, D. D., of Portland, *Presider*
Rev. John W. Ellingwood, D. D., of Bath, *Vice Pres*
Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Augusta, *Rec. and*
John How, Esq., of Portland, *Treasurer.*

TRUSTEES: Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, *ex off.*, Rev. D. B. Tappan, Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Rev. Enoch Por W. Chickering, Rev. Edward F. Cutter, Rev. Dav Stephen Thurston, Rev. Isaac Rogers, John How, Es

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed at Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of February:—other meetings on the second Tuesday of May, August and November.
Rev. EDMUND K. ALDEN, of Yarmouth, *Scribe.*

LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 7. 1811. Annual meeting, first Wednesday in February; other meetings, first Wednesday in May, August and November.
Rev. URIAH BALKHAM, of Wiscasset, *Scribe.*

LINCOLN EAST ASSOCIATION, formed at Warren, May 7, 1811. Meetings first Tuesday of July, May and October.
Rev. E. G. CARPENTER of New Castle, *Scribe.*
These two bodies once were united in an Association formed at Bath, 1790. They were divided in 1811: the line of separation being Sheepscot River.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, formed at Sedgwick, September 21, 1797. Meetings usually in February, June, August, and October.
Rev. J. B. R. WALKER, of Bucksport, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC ASSOCIATION, formed at Pittston, July 24, 1816. Annual Meeting on the fourth Tuesday in January;—other meetings, fourth Tuesday in April, July and November.
Rev. JOHN P. SKEELE of Hallowell, *Scribe.*
Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln, under the name of "Lincoln and Kennebec (ministerial) Conference."

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized at Arundel, (now Kennebunk-port,) October 27, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and November.
Rev. GEORGE A. BOWMAN, of South Kennebunk, *Scribe.*

SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, formed at New Sharon, May 6, 1829. Meets on the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November. Rev. GEORGE W. HATHAWAY, of Bloomfield, *Scribe.*
In 1816 it was joined with *Kennebec*, under the name of the "Kennebec and Somerset Conference."
In 1819 it became the "Kennebec and Somerset Association," and continued united, until 1829.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed at Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year.
Rev. STEPHEN H. HAYES, of Frankfort, *Scribe*, pro. tem.
This Association formerly united with Hancock.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION, organized at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual Meeting on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December. Other meetings by adjournment.
Rev. GEORGE B. LITTLE, of Bangor, *Scribe.*

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed at South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834, meets first Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November.
Rev. DAVID GURNEY, of Pownal, *Scribe*.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION, formed August, 1838. On the first Wednesday in August of each year, [illegible] with the Somerset Association. Other meetings by adjournment; first Wednesday in November, February and May.
Rev. WILLIAM PAYNE, of Phillips, Scribe.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, January 25, 1841.—Annual Meeting second Tuesday in February. Other meetings quarterly.
Rev. PETER B. THAYER, of Guilford, Scribe.
This Association formerly united with Penobscot.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION, meets on the second Tuesday of May, July, September and November. Rev. JOHN DODD, of Turner, *Scribe*.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION. Times of Meeting, June and October—Sub-Associations [illegible].
Rev. S. H. BOWERS, of Calais, Scribe.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION. Aroostook Co.; formed at Enfield, December 12, 1851. Annual Meeting on Friday following the third Wednesday in January. Other meetings by adjournment.
Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, of Passadumkeag, *Scribe*.
This Association once connected with Penobscot.

TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEM'Y.

Report of Visiting Committee on page 25.

Rev. JOHN MALTBY, of Bangor, *President*.
Rev. DAVID THURSTON, of Winthrop, *Vice President*.
JOHN McDONALD, Esq., of Bangor, *Secretary*.
GEO. A. THATCHER, Esq., of Bangor, *Treasurer and Agent*.
Rev. John Sawyer, of Garland.
Elnathn Adams, Esq., of Bangor.
Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Augusta.
Geo. W. Pickering, Esq., of Bangor.
Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot.
Adams H. Merrill, Esq., of Corinth.
Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport.
Rev. George E. Adams, D. D., of Brunswick.
Joseph S. Wheelwright, Esq. of Bangor.

Items received since the Table for Union Conference was printed, page 23.

Rev. J. T. Hawes, last Moderator.
Next meeting in Sweden.

In Franklin Conference, (page 14,) no semi-annual meeting,

RECEIVING AGENTS OF THE AMERICAN BD. OF COMS. FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Portland, - - - Daniel Evans.
Norridgewock, Calvin Selden.
Kennebunk, - - Rev. George W. Cressey.
Hallowell, - - - B. Nason.
Bath, - - - - - Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D.
Bangor, - - - - E. F. Duren.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

Delegates from the Conferences of York, Cumberland and Oxford counties, met at Falmouth, Dec. 28, 1824, to consult on the subject of forming a General Conference.

Delegates were also appointed from the Kennebec and Somerset Conferences, but were providentially detained. They proposed a constitution which was submitted to the local conferences, and adopted at the organization of the General Conference, in Portland, Jan. 10, 1826. At this meeting, Rev. Edward Payson. D. D., of Portland, was chosen Moderator, *pro tem.*, and Rev. Seneca White, of Bath, Secretary, *pro tem.* Rev. Charles Freeman, of Limerick, preached the Conference sermon.

An adjourned meeting was held in Minot, June 13, 1826, (the time and place of the meeting of the Cumberland Co. Conference.) Other meetings, to perfect the organization, constitution, rules, articles of faith, &c., were held in Kennebunk-Port, June 28, 1826; in Westbrook, January 9, 1827; and in Portland, January 11, 1827.

THE TABLE ON THE NEXT PAGE, WILL EXHIBIT SOME STATISTICS UNDER THE SEVERAL HEADINGS, FROM 1826 TO 1852.

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June of each year.	Place of meeting.	Moderator.	Corresponding Sec'y.	Recording Sec'y.	* Preacher.	Conferences.	Churches.	Ministers.†	Ch. Members.
1826	Minot,	Rev. Benjamin Tappan,		Rev. Allen Greeley,					
1827	Hallowell,	"	Rev. Asa Cummings,	"	Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy,				
1828	Gorham,	"	"	Rev. Thomas Adams,	David Thurston, Ps. 45 : 16.	8	150	78	7085
1829	Waldoboro,	"	Rev. C. Marsh,	Rev. A. Greeley,	Ethel Holt, Dan. 9 : 25.	8	145	93	9118
1830	Winthrop,	Rev. David Thurston,	Rev. Asa Cummings,	Rev. Charles Jenkins,	Wm. Allen, John 17 : 17.	9	157	104	9061
1831	Fryeburg,	"	"	Rev. D. M. Mitchell,	J. W. Ellingwood, Rev. 2 : 7.	9	166	106	9919
1832	Wiscasset,	"	"	"	R. Tappan, Amos 7 : 2.	9	172	111	12112
1833	Portland, 3d ch,	Rev. Bennett Tyler, D.D.,	Rev. Charles Freeman,	Rev. B. Tappan,	Carlton Hurd, 2 Thess. 3 : 16.	9	176	119	12370
1834	Bath, North ch,	Rev. Samuel Johnson,	"	"	Caleb Hobart, 2 Cor. 10 : 4.	9	180	140	13019
1835	Bangor, Hammond st. ch,	"	"	"	Josiah Peet, Ps. 51 : 13.	9	181	143	13890
1836	Augusta,	"	"	Rev. David Shepley,	D. M. Mitchell, Matt. 6 : 10.	10	188	143	13934
1837	North Yarmouth, 1st ch,	Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,	"	"	S. L. Pomroy, 1 John 4 : 8.	10	189	142	14250
1838	Saco,	"	"	"	Silas McKeen, Rom. 5 : 11.	10	192	146	14982
1839	Brunswick,	"	"	"	Enoch Pond, D.D., Mar. 14:72	11	197	141	15767
1840	Hallowell,	Rev. S. L. Pomroy,	"	"	D. Shepley, 1 Cor. 9 : 27.	11	201	142	16308
1841	Machias,	"	"	Rev. Geo. E. Adams,	Isaac Rogers, Rev. 5 : 9.	11	203	141	17338
1842	Portland, 2d ch,	"	"	Rev. D. Shepley,	Robert Cressett, Phil. 1 : 21.	12	207	138	17770
1843	Bangor, 1st ch,	Rev. Geo. E. Adams,	"	"	S. Tenney, Eph. 4 : 14, 15.	12	208	167	18540
1844	Bath, South ch,	"	"	Rev. Edward F. Cutter,	S. L. Pomroy, Ps. 133.	12	211	167	18447
1845	Fryeburg,	"	Rev. John W. Chickering,	"	Ray Palmer, Gal. 2 : 20.	13	213	173	18807
1846	Augusta,	Rev. Stephen Thurston,	"	"	Nath'l Chapman, Eph. 4 : 13.	13	215	174	17732
1847	Portland, High st. ch,	"	"	"	E. F. Cutter, Acts 9 : 6.	13	218	181	17504
1848	Bangor, Hammond st. ch,	"	"	"	Wooster Parker, Ps. 145 : 11.	14	222	188	17192
1849	Bath, Winter st. ch,	Rev. Ray Palmer,	"	Rev. Stephen H. Hayes,	R. Woodhull, 2 Kings 6 : 16.	14	223	189	16981
1850	South Berwick,	"	"	"	James Drummond, 121 : 1.	14	220	178	16826
1851	Yarmouth,	Rev. Richard Woodhull,	Rev. S. H. Hayes,	Rev. E. F. Cutter,	Joseph Loring,	14	225	187	16896
1852	Searsport,	Rev. David Shepley,	"	Rev. S. C. Fessenden,	John Maltby, Phil. 2 : 16.	14	227	176	16856

* Of the annual Conference sermon. † Includes Pastors, e. s. and clergymen without pastoral charge.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN SACO,

JUNE 21, 22, 23 AND 24, 1853.

Bangor:
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THE next Annual Meeting of the Conference will be held w
Central Church, Bangor, commencing on Tuesday, June 27, 1
9 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, on
day evening.

Meeting of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday,
at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting of the Maine Branch of the American Education
Wednesday, P. M.

MINUTES.

l Conference of Maine, assembled in the Congregational Meet-
aco, June 21, 1853, at 9 o'clock, A. M.
Conferences were represented as follows:
. Messrs. Wm. Pierce, Levi Loring, John Orr, Brs. W. P.
ker, N. Boston.
).—Rev. Messrs. C. Hobart, T. N. Lord, E. K. Alden, Brs.
W. W. Woodbury, Dea. I. P. Weeman.
v. C. Hurd, Rev. David Gerry, Bro. Oliver Smith.
-Rev. E. B. Webb, Rev. J. S. Gay, Bro. S. Deering.
ev. Benj. G. Willey, Rev. Mark Gould, Bro. J. S. Keith.
-Rev. Thos. Smith, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, Bro. R. R. Has-
)b McGaw.
Rev. S. Tenney, Rev. H. M. Stone, Dea. Sam'l Dutton, Dea.

ev. J. R. Mungell, Rev. J. Freeman, Dea. E. Beaman.
lev. J. O. Fiske, Rev. C. B. Smith, Rev. D. Cushman, Bro.

(.—Rev. D. B. Sewall, Rev. S. H. Keeler.
-Rev. I. Rogers, Rev. J. Forbush, Bro. Wm. Scales, Bro.

·Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rev. T. G. Mitchell.
.—Rev. H. Ilsley, Rev. P. Titcomb.
—Rev. A. J. Bates, Rev. R. W. Emerson, Bro. J. Conant.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. D. Shepley. Cor. Sec'y, Rev. S. H. Hayes. Rec. Sec'y,
senden. Treasurer, E. F. Duren. Members of Committees,
. W. Ellingwood, D. D., G. E. Adams, D. D., E. F. Cutter,
V. Parker, S. M. Gould, U. Balkam, R. Woodhull, S. Turner,
, L. I. Hoadley, W. L. Hyde, J. Perham, J. K. Mason, Bros.
. Jordan.

DELEGATES OF COR. BODIES.

oc. Mass. - - - -	Rev.	James H. Merrill.
. Pres. Chh. N. S. - -	"	B. B. Beckwith.
. Pres. Chh. O. S. - -	"	Geo. Hill.
. Vt. - - - -	"	F. B. Wheeler.
oc. Ct. - - - -	"	Thos. Tallman.
oc. N. H. - - - -	"	W. R. Jewett.
ptist Conv. - - - -	"	Dr. Wilson.
. Meth. Epis. Chh. - -	"	C. F. Allen.
oc. Iowa. - - - -	"	Dan'l Lane.
oc. Ill. - - - -	"	J. J. Hill.
Bapt. Y. M. - - -	"	F. W. Bailey.

TUESDAY A. M., 9 o'clock. The annual meeting was opened with devotional services. Singing 133 Select Hymn. Reading Deut. Chap. VII. and prayer by the Moderator.

The Reports of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies were presented.

The Treasurer, Dea. E. F. Duren, presented a written report, which was read and accepted. Dea. Duren was re-elected Treasurer.

Voted—That the Publishing Committee be authorized to apportion on the several County Conferences, the amount of money necessary to defray the expense of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, and to meet existing demands on the Treasury.

Voted—That the Publishing Committee be instructed to publish two thousand copies of the Minutes.

Rev. Messrs. Allen of South Berwick, and Gould of Biddeford, were appointed to fill vacancies in the Com. of Arrangements.

Ordained Ministers of Evangelical churches present with us, were invited to sit as honorary members of the Conf.

Rev. C. F. Allen, delegate from Me. Meth. Conf., being unable to remain until the close of the meetings, made his report from the Conference represented by him.

11 O'CLOCK. Public services. Introductory prayer and reading Isa. ch. 55, by Rev. B. B. Beckwith, delegate from the Gen. Ass. Pres. Chh. Singing 399 and 194 Select Hymns. Sermon by Rev. F. B. Wheeler, Delegate from Gen. Conv. of Vermont, from 1 John, 5 : 19.

Closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Mr. Wheeler. Adj.

TUESDAY P. M., 2 o'clock. Session opened with singing 332 Select Hymn, and reading Nehem. Ch. VIII, by the Moderator. An hour passed in pleasant and profitable conference and prayer. Prayer by Rev. R. Woodhull of Thomaston. A word of exhortation from Messrs. Jones and Goodell.

Prayer by Rev. D. Lane of Iowa.

Exhortations by Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, J. Sewall, W. Goodell, and Turner. Singing 126 Select Hymn. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Goodell.

3 O'CLOCK. Rev. S. C. Fessenden of Rockland, introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That another year's experience of the benefits accruing from the "Maine Liquor Law," and another year's observation of the hopes which depend on its enforcement, has served only to deepen the conviction in our minds, that every interest of humanity demands that it be sustained.

Remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. Fessenden, Cushman, Cutter, D. Thurston, and the Resolution was adopted.

4 O'CLOCK. The closing hour was occupied by addresses, viz:

The Claims of Seamen,	- - -	by Rev. L. Bushnell
The Am. Colonization Society,	- -	" " Dennis Powers
Am. Tract Society,	- - - -	" " M. Turner.

The meeting was addressed further on these subjects by Hon. A. K. and Rev. W. Goodell.

Several resolutions forwarded by the Sec'y of Am. Peace Soc' read and referred to a select Committee, viz: Rev. Messrs. Thurston wood, and Hon. A. K. Parris.

Prayer by Rev. Levi Loring. Adj. to Wednesday A. M., 8 o'cl

MAINE CONG. CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock. Prayer and introductory servic W. Parker. Sermon by Rev. Prof. Shepard, from Luke 11 : 41, 6 : 9.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Balkam and Woodhull, and Dea. S. Adams, were appointed Com. to express the thanks of the Soc'y to Prof. Shepard for the sermon preached this evening, and to take such measures to ensure its publication as they may deem advisable.

OFFICERS. Rev. Dr. Tappan. *President.* Dea. S. Adams, *Vice President.* Rev. J. R. Adams, *Secretary.* Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, *Treasurer.*

TRUSTEES. Pres. and Sec. ex. off., Messrs. D. Thurston, E. Pond. D. D., E. Jones, D. Shepley, S. Tenney, I. Rogers, R. Woodhull.

1st Preacher for 1854, - - - Rev. J. O. Fiske.
2d " " " - - - " U. Balkam.

WEDNESDAY A. M., 5 o'clock. Prayer meeting conducted by Rev. B. R. Allen. Several brethren made interesting statements respecting the seasons of spiritual refreshing, enjoyed among their people the past year.

8 o'CLOCK. Session opened with prayer by Rev. H. Ilsley.

The Com. to whom were referred the Resolutions forwarded by the Sec'y of Am. Peace Soc'y, presented the following report, which was accepted.

The Committee to whom the resolutions on Peace were referred, would recommend no action of the Conference in relation to them. They view the subject of Peace to be one of vast importance, whether its bearings be contemplated on the prosperity of nations, or the success of the Gospel. The evils of war in the destruction of human life and human happiness, and of property, great and appalling as these evils are, yet bear no comparison with the evils resulting from its demoralizing and soul-destroying influences. The committee would therefore commend the cause of international Peace to the universal, earnest and persevering consideration and co-operation of ministers, christians and the friends of man.

Rev. J. K. Mason, delegate to the Cong. bodies in Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, presented a written report of his discharge of the duty assigned him.

Voted—That the Publishing Committee be authorized to prepare blank Schedules, and furnish them to the several County Conferences.

Each church to be furnished with blanks by the Scribe of the County Conf. with which it is associated, to whom returns shall be made in the month of January of each year: the Scribe of the Co. Conf. to make up his report as soon as the returns are complete, and before the first day of June in each year, to the Cor. Sec'y of Gen. Conf.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

9 o'CLOCK. Opening services by the President.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. S. H. Keeler, of Calais, from Isaiah 54 : 2. "Enlarge the place of thy tent," &c.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Receipts $14,000.

The report of the Trustees was read by Rev. Dr. Tappan, and on motion of Rev. E. B. Webb, seconded by Rev. D. Lane of Iowa, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Lane, G. E. Adams, Ramsey, Goodell, Drummond, Parker, Ilsley, Cushman and Fiske.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. W. Goodell.

The officers of the Society are—

Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., - -	President.
Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., - -	Vice President.
Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D., - -	Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.
John How, Esq., - - - -	Treasurer.
W. D. Little and W. C. Mitchell, Esqrs.,	Auditors.

TRUSTEES. Pres. ex. off. Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, B. Tappan, J. W. Ellingwood, E. Pond, E. F. Cutter, J. W. Chickering, D. Shepley, S. Thurston, J. Rogers, and John How, Esq.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, Tappan and Ellingwood, be a Com. to collect and prepare facts for a statistical and historical Report of the Society, from its organization to the present time.

The next Annual Meeting of the Society will be holden on the 4th Wednesday of June, 1854, in the Central Church, Bangor.

1st Preacher,	- - - -	Rev. Edw. F. Cutter.
2d "	- - - -	" S. C. Fessenden.

MAINE BRANCH AM. EDUCATION SOC'Y.

2 o'clock. The meeting was opened by singing 135 Select Hymn; reading 68th Psalm and Prayer by the President.

The report of the Directors was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., and on motion of Rev. W. Goodell, seconded by Rev. Prof. Shepard, was accepted.

Addresses were made by both these brethren, who were followed by Rev. Messrs. Chickering, Fiske, Fessenden and Hitchcock, in earnest advocacy of the claims of the Society to the prayers and charities of the churches.

Officers. Rev. D. Thurston, *President*. Rev. E. Pond, D. D., *Vice President*. Rev. Dr. Ellingwood, *Secretary*. Prof. Smyth, *Treasurer*.

Directors. President and Secretary, Rev. Messrs. Shepley, Tappan and Cummings.

4 o'clock. Conference resumed its session. Opened with singing 146 Select Hymn; reading the Scriptures by the Moderator; prayer by Rev. G. E. Adams.

Report on Sabbath Schools by Rev. S. Souther, Jr., followed by brief remarks from Rev. N. Monroe, N. E. Sec. of Am. Sab. Sch. Union. Adj.

7 o'clock. Session opened with prayer by Rev. R. W. Jewett, of N. H.

Report of Com. to visit the Bangor Seminary was read by Rev. L. L. Headley, and accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Rev. Wm. Goodell, of Constantinople, addressed the Conference on For. Missions.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. Warren, of Mass.

Adj. to 8 o'clock, Thursday, A. M.

Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer meeting; in which Rev. Messrs. Allen, Sewall, Gerry, Cushman, Orr, Loring and Weston, took part. Sung Psalm, 5, and 330 Select Hymn.

8 o'clock. Conference opened with reading 60th Chap. Isaiah, and prayer by Rev. J. H. Merrill, of Mass.

The Report of the Com. on Nominations was accepted as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF N. H.

Rev. E. Jones, Primary. Rev. P. F. Barnard, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. H. Ilsley, Primary. Rev. J. Freeman, Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VT.

Rev. B. C. Chase, Primary. Rev. G. F. Tewksbury, Substitute.

CONSOCIATION OF R. I.

Rev. W. S. Sewall, Primary. Rev. John Orr, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONN.

Rev. H. Merrill, Primary. Rev. J. R. Adams, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Primary. Rev. J. R. French, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF WISCONSIN.
CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.

Rev. Dr. Tappan, " G. B. Little, " G. W. Hathaway, } Primaries.

Rev. Dr. Adams, " E. Whittlesey, } Substitutes.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (O. S.)

Rev. D. Shepley, Primary. Rev. John Wilde, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (N. S.)

Rev. C. Hobart, Primary. Rev. W. T. Dwight, Substitute.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, EAST.

Rev. S. C. Fessenden, Primary.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, WEST.

Rev. J. L. Ashby.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION, N. B.

Rev. E. F. Cutter.

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. U. Balkam.

FREEWILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Rev. S. Thurston.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. S. Souther, Jr.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. C. Fessenden. Rev. S. H. Hayes. Dea. E. F. Duren.

COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF MINISTERS.

Rev. Drs. Dwight, Pond, Tappan, Cummings, and B. R. Allen.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT BANGOR SEMINARY.

York Conference.	- - - - - - - - - - - -	Rev. J. Loring.
Oxford "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	" Francis Dyer.
Lincoln "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	" J. O. Fiske.
Somerset "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	Bro. J. S. Abbott.
Piscataquis "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	Rev. P. B. Thayer.
Waldo "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	Bro. S. G. Adams.
Washington "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	Rev. D. B. Sewall.
Cumberland "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	Bro. A. K. Parris.
Union "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	Rev. D. Gerry.
Kennebec "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	" R. B. Thurston.
Franklin "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	" W. Davenport.
Penobscot "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	" J. K. Mason.
Hancock "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	" S. Bowker.
Aroostook "	- - - - - - - - - - - -	" A. J. Bates.

Next meeting of Gen. Conf. on the Tuesday preceeding the 4th Wednesday of June, 1854, at Bangor, in the Central church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Geo. Shepard, Rev. G. B. Little, Dea. E. Adams.

PREACHERS.

Rev. Geo. Shepard, D. D., Primary. Rev. E. Kellogg, Substitute.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Messrs. E. F. Cutter, S. Thurston, U. Balkam, Dea. A. Drummond, Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rev. Amasa Loring.

Voted—That the several County Conferences be requested to nominate their annual meeting, one of their number to represent them on the Co mittee appointed to visit the Bangor Seminary: the clerks of the Conferen to report the nominations to the Gen. Conference for acceptance and in tion in the Minutes.

Voted—That a Com. be appointed to report at the next annual meeti upon the non-attendance on religious worship, within our limits, and su gest some means of reaching the masses with the preached Word.

Committee. Rev, Messrs. Hayes, J. O. Fiske, Skeele, Dea. E. F. Dun and Bro. P. Eastman.

Rev. Dr. Shepard, Rev. G. B. Little and Rev. James Drummond w elected a Com. to report at the next meeting of the Conf. on the best meth of appropriating the time in our annual meetings.

9 o'clock. Singing 261 Select Hymn. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Thurst Reports of Delegates from Cor. Bodies:

Rev. J. H. Merrill,	- - - - - - -	Gen. Assoc., Mass.
" R. W. Jewett,	- - - - - - -	Gen. Assoc., N. H.
" F. B. Wheeler,	- - - - - - -	Gen. Conv., Vt.
" Thos. Tallman,	- - - - - - -	Gen. Assoc., Ct.
" Dr. Wilson,	- - - - - - -	Me. Bapt. Conv.
" F. W. Bailey,	- - - - - - -	F. W. Bapt. Y. M.
" J. J. Hill,	- - - - - - -	Gen. Assoc., Ill.
" D. Lane,	- - - - - - -	Cong. Assoc., Iowa.
" B. B. Beckwith,	- - - - - - -	Gen. Ass'y Pres. Chh., N.Y
" Geo. Hill,	- - - - - - -	" " " " O.
" Wm. Goodell,	- - - - - - -	Chhs. of Christ in Turkey

On motion of Rev. Dr. Tappan, seconded by Hon. A. K. Parris,

Resolved,—That in behalf of the churches of Maine represented in General Conference, we hereby send, through our beloved Bro. Goodel Christian salutations to the Evangelical churches in Turkey, expres them our sympathy in their trials and in their joys; and bidding them speed in all their endeavors to build up the kingdom of Christ,—the and ours.

Singing 117 Ps.

Report of Cong. Chhs. in Maine by Rev. S. H. Hayes, Cor. Sec. Conference.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. E. Jones, Drumm Fiske.

Closing prayer by Rev. H. S. Carpenter of Portland.

CLOSING SERVICES.

Thursday, P. M. Introductory exercises by Rev. J. J. Hill, of ing Hm. 132, Book 1, and 45 Select.

Annual Sermon by Rev. Dr. Carruthers, from Rom. 14 : 7.

Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Messrs. Hurd and Geo. Hill of Gen. Ass'y of Pres. Chh.

Rev. G. Hill addressed an earnest and affectionate exhortatio tators, on this interesting and solemn ordinance.

The congregation united in singing the 133d Hymn of t Watts.

The Moderator, in behalf of the Conference, expressed the body to our friends in Saco and Biddeford, whose kindness hospitality have been so generously extended to us during t

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. Hill, and th

S. C. FESSENDEN,
E. F. CUTTER, *As*

Saco, June 23, 1853.

REPORT

On the State of Religion before the General Conference at Saco, June 23, 1853.

A QUARTER of a century closes to-day since the first report of our churches was presented before the General Conference. This body completed its organization at a meeting held in Hallowell, June, 1827, and the first report was made at Gorham, the following year.

In glancing at this period of twenty-five years, we shall doubtless find much cause for humility and self reproach, but we shall also see abundant reason for gratitude. Then there were reported 8 Conferences, now 14; Aroostook, Franklin, Piscataquis, Union, Waldo and Washington, having been added. Then there were 130 churches, now we have 231; then in all our wide field were but 72 ministers, now 163; then were reported 7,685 members, to-day as near as we can gather from our returns, our number is 17,278; showing an increase of 101 churches, 91 ministers, and more than 9,593 members.

But no statistics can present the results of this 25 years, nor can they be known till the final exhibition at the last day. Though our churches number so many, these are not all. From a record of this quarter of a century, it appears that more than 5000 have deceased, probably many more, who have been transferred, as we humbly hope, "to the General Assembly and church of the first born, which are written in heaven."

"Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard as we do now,
With sins, and doubts, and fears."

So many thousands of redeemed souls from these our beloved churches! If these were all heirs of grace, what a blessed throng! At these allusions how many hearts throb with tender remembrances of kindred in the skies! And may we not cherish the pleasing reflection, that this glorified number is still a branch of this General Conference, and the representatives of these churches before God and the Lamb.

And doubtless a still larger number, framed and disciplined in our rugged climate and our Missionary fields, have gone out from us, and are now scattered in all places where human foot hath trod, we trust exemplifying in some good degree the simple but unpretending piety that has hitherto characterized the churches of our State. We have always been sending them forth into the great field of the world, and though they are not with us, in an important sense they are a part of us. In their trials they turn to us for sympathy and aid, and they visit us with yearning affections.

And we should also make mention to the praise of divine grace, that during the whole period of our existence as a Conference, no discordant word has ever disturbed the harmony of our christian fellowship, and no theological differences have chilled in any degree the warm fountains of our mutual affection. And may we pray, and prompt each other to prayer, till the voice of petition shall ascend daily from all the thousands of our Israel, that pastors and people may continue to see eye to eye, and labor together with the same love and devotion, all the way down to the Millennial morn.

Of the 72 brethren in the ministry when the Conference was organized, 21 have gone, we trust, to their reward; 18 reside out of the State, most of

whom are pastors of churches; three are not accounted for, 11 are su annuated, or engaged in other pursuits; 8 are employed as stated sup for public churches, or in other ways of usefulness; one of whom is our loved Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, who was called from pastoral labors in 1849, to occupy this more arduous and responsible p tion; and another, Rev. Dr. Shepard, who was elected in 1836 to the l fessorship of Sacred Rhetoric in the Bangor Theological Seminary, a he has proved himself so eminently qualified to fill; 11 remain as act pastors in the State. Some of those, who, in their old age are now supply feeble churches, have faithfully served a whole generation in the past office, and even now their armor is bright for action.

Seven of the 11 surviving pastors have never changed their fields of la viz:

Rev. Charles Freeman,	settled in	Limerick,	1820
" John A. Douglass,	"	Waterford,	1821
" Elijah Jones,	"	Minot,	1823
" Caleb Hobart,	"	N. Yarmouth,	1823
" Carlton Hurd,	"	Fryeburg,	1823
" Isaac Rogers,	"	Farmington,	1826
" Stephen Thurston,	"	Searsport,	1826

The other pastors are Rev. J. P. Fessenden, S. Bridgton; Rev. J. Richardson, Otisfield; Rev. Enos Merrill, Mechanic Falls; and Rev. J. Goss, Wells.

The following is an abstract of the reports from the several County C ferences, during the past year.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE

Embraces 11 churches and seven ministers, all stated supplies. The c in Burlington has been transferred from Penobscot Conference to th three ministers have been added during the year. "The church in F field which has been long sending forth the Macedonian cry, is now e the ministrations of Rev. N. W. Sheldon. Though there have revivals, in some of the churches there have been tokens of good, a is an increased attention generally on public Worship and S. Schoo three prevailing sins of this region are, profanity, Sabbath breakin temperance; but we trust in God, who can and will cause the wra to praise him."

One added; Died 1; Dismissed 2; Total 150; Non-residents tisms 2; in Sabbath Schools 664; Donations $79,75.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

Contains 33 churches, 22 pastors, and 7 stated supplies. Th in Baldwin, Cape Elizabeth, Durham, Falmouth 2d, Abyssy boro, Standish and Westbrook, sent no reports. "But you to learn," says the Scribe of that Conference, "that notwithst failure in this matter of statistics, SEVEN of the churches blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit." The churc has been enlarged by the addition of 35 on profession of the the church in Minot has received in the same way 39 person months past, a good work has been going on in Saccarappa, a ent time there is an interesting revival of religion at Gorham. are able to learn, we are happy to find a more encouraging than for some years before. Rev. Hugh S. Carpenter has pastor of the State St. church, Portland, and Rev. J. Wild missed from Falmouth 2d.

Added by Profession 139; Letter 89; Died 57; Dismis

Total 3893; Non-residents 272; Baptisms 96; in Sabbath Schools 2978; Donations $11309,83, of which more than $3000 were from High St. church, Portland.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE

Contains 17 churches, of which 8 have pastors, and 4 stated supplies through the year, and the remaining 5 are supplied only a part of the time. A new church was organized in Monmouth, May 17, consisting of 13 members, to which eight have since been added, making 21 in all; of whom 12 are males, and 18 heads of families. In several of our churches there have been instances of conversion, though no general revival. In Litchfield the hearts of Christians have been gladdened and refreshed by what the Lord has done for them. They have seemed to feel the necessity of prayer and effort, and an intense anxiety to see souls converted. Some 15 or 18 give pleasing evidence that they have passed from death unto life, most of whom, it is expected, will soon unite with the church.

"But in a majority of our churches there is an alarming apathy. Many church members absent themselves from the house of God, and throughout the community there is a great want of interest in spiritual things. In many parts of the country the Sabbath is desecrated, and the means of grace neglected."

Received by Profession 44; Letter 27; Deaths 14; Dismissed 28; Excluded 2; Total 1115; Non-residents 99; Baptisms 23; in Sabbath Schools 968; Donations $1963,42.

LINCOLN CONFERENCE

Contains 22 churches, 13 pastors, and 4 stated supplies. No reports were received from the churches in Boothbay, Freeman, Bristol, Jefferson, Lisbon, New Castle 2d chh., Rockland and Topsham. From only 7 out of 22 churches were full reports received. "No revival is reported in any of the churches, but occasional conversions are mentioned, which show that the Holy Spirit is still among them."

Added by Profession 92; Letter 8; Died 32; Dismissed 22; Excluded 10; Total 2050; Non-residents 138; Baptisms 46; in Sabbath Schools 1374; Donations $4421,70.

OXFORD CONFERENCE

Comprises 13 churches, 3 pastors, and 5 stated supplies. The church in Rumford was not reported. A church has been organized in Norway village, which gives promise of stability and growth. Conversions have occurred in several places, and additions have been made to 5 of the churches. The interest in Sabbath Schools has increased. Three pastors have been dismissed, and some of the churches are now destitute.

Received by Profession 19; by Letter 10; Died 9; Dismissed 30, of whom 17 united with the new church in Norway; Total 739; Non-residents 104; Baptisms 17; in Sabbath Schools 965; Donations $422,02.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE

Contains 17 churches, 8 pastors and 3 stated supplies. The 1st church in Brewer is soon expecting to settle a pastor. No intelligence of interest is reported from the churches. Besides the Sabbath Schools connected with regular congregations, there are 10 district schools, containing 55 teachers and 500 pupils. Revivals are reported in 8 of the Sabbath Schools in the Conference, in which there have been 200 hopeful conversions. There have been contributed in these schools for benevolent purposes, $914,00.

Received by Profession 181; by Letter 62; Died 17; Dismissed 44; Excluded 2; Total 1375; Non-residents 178; Baptisms 121; Sabbath Schools 2172; Donations $5612,24.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE

Embraces 13 churches, 5 pastors, and 2 stated supplies. No general revival is reported. In Brownville there has been some interest, and at least 12 persons have been hopefully converted. In Foxcroft and Dover 9 have been received into the church by profession. The cause of temperance is on the increase. Sabbath Schools are increasing in numbers and interest. The Maine Law is sustained. "While as a Conference we cannot report so much progress as we could wish, we feel still encouraged to hold on to the things that remain, and hope for better days."

Received by Profession 23; Letter 13; Died 13; Dismissed 14; Excluded 3; Total 611; Non-residents 135; Baptisms 16; in Sabbath Schools 520; Donations $459,34.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE

Contains 14 churches, 3 pastors, and 4 stated supplies. No report from Athens, Cornville, Fairfield and Flagstaff. But little of interest can be said of the state of religion. Some of the churches are apparently without life; in others there are hopeful indications. The church in Bloomfield are encouraged, and are looking and laboring for better times. The church in Norridgewock have settled Rev. H. S. Downs in place of their late lamented pastor, Rev. Josiah Peet, and they are somewhat encouraged. Rev. A. Morton is now laboring with the church in Skowhegan.

Received by Profession 11; Letter 4; Died 4; Dismissed 13; Excluded 1; Total 588; Non-residents 87; Baptisms 3; in Sabbath Schools 705; Donations $235,60.

WALDO CONFERENCE

Embraces 11 churches, 7 pastors and 1 stated supply. This Conference has reasons for gratitude to God for tokens of his mercy. Most of the churches are in an encouraging state. One has made commendable efforts in repairing its house of worship; another in beautifying the grounds around it. Rev. J. R. Munsell has been installed over the 2d church, Belfast; Rev. L. Wiswall has resumed his labors in Brooks, the church not accepting the advice of the council to dissolve the relation between them and their pastor, and they have made commendable efforts for his support. The church in Swanville long destitute and almost desolate, with but one efficient member, and that a female, are doing what they can to secure Missionary aid and have received $100. An effort has been made which promises success, in a part of the Parish in Searsport, to sustain a meeting by themselves, and they hope to do it without Missionary aid. They are looking for a minister, and intend to organize a church. The enterprize has the cordial co-operation of the pastor and church generally. To the church in Searsport there has been an accession of 50 members. In Prospect there has been a precious revival, and several will soon make a public profession of their faith. At Frankfort Mills there have been several conversions, and occasional instances in other places.

Received by Profession 66; by Letter 8; Died 14; Dismissed 15; Excluded 5; Total 842; Non-residents 122; Baptisms 42; in Sabbath Schools 1126; Donations $1083,69.

UNION CONFERENCE

Embraces 13 churches, 6 pastors, and 3 stated supplies. No reports from S. Bridgton, Harrison and Otisfield. From the church in Albany their pastor has been dismissed. They deeply feel their loss, and long to have the place supplied. In Sweden from 20 to 30 cases of hope are reported. The church in Lovel has been quickened; some have been reclaimed, difficulties removed, and at least 7 give evidence of conversion.

Received by Profession 49 ; Letter 6 ; Died 14 ; Dismissed 13 ; Excluded 2 ; Total 1013 ; Non-residents 13 ; Baptisms 12 ; in Sabbath Schools 864 ; Donations $571,22.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Embraces 17 churches, 4 pastors, and 5 stated supplies. From Cherryfield, Cooper, Jonesboro, Northfield, Perry, Whiting, and Whitneyville, no reports were received. Since the last report to the General Conference, the church at Milltown, (St. Stevens,) has been added to this Conference ; Rev. S. L. Bowler has been ordained pastor of the church in Machias. The church in Eastport has witnessed a gracious work of the Spirit, and 20 have been added to their number ; they are soon to settle a pastor. There has also been a work of grace at Calais, and 9 have been added to the church.

Received by Profession 36 ; Letter 4 ; Died 14 ; Dismissed 18 ; Excluded 2 ; Total 1052 ; Non-residents 64 ; Baptisms 3 ; in Sabbath Schools 1036 ; Donations $1423,62.

YORK CONFERENCE

Contains 26 churches, 16 pastors, and 5 stated supplies. The churches in Cornish, Union church Kennebunk, Parsonsfield and Saco, made no reports. The church in Buxton occupies two places of worship, and sustains two ministers, a division of the church at present not being thought advisable. During the year one stated supply has ceased, one pastor has been dismissed and Rev. S. M. Gould, and Rev. W. Wilcox have been settled.

Harmony and external prosperity prevail. The church in South Berwick have enjoyed an interesting revival, which has continued more than a year ; the Spirit has also been poured out upon the church in Biddeford ; the work was marked with great power, and conversions are still occurring. Occasional instances are reported in other churches, in all 130.

Received by Profession 94 ; Letter 15 ; Died 34 ; Dismissed 32 ; Excluded 1 ; Total 2161 ; Non-residents 223 ; Baptisms 76 ; in 17 Sabbath Schools 1426 ; Donations $2639,22.

In making up the summary, Franklin County is reported as last year, no returns having been received in season for this report.

It appears we have an increase over last year of 4 churches, and 8 ministers. Added by Profession, without including the Conference above, 708 ; by Letter 249 ; Total 957 ; making the aggregate increase to the churches, according to the returns received, 372 ; probably the true number will exceed this. The number of Baptisms reported 465 ; in the Sabbath Schools 16218 ; Donations $32374,62.

It is greatly regretted that the reports are no more accurate, that so many churches send no report from year to year, and that so much indifference on the subject exists. Progress however has been made, and we hope the object may yet be reached. It is certain that a County Conference, neglecting to secure complete returns, cannot understand the state of the churches within its borders.

It will be seen, however, from what we have learned, that the cause is onward, and that the Lord of the harvest is gathering from the whitened fields, and everywhere calling upon his people to come to his help.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting Saturday after 3d Wednesday in June. (unless otherwise ordered by Conference.)

Semi-annual meeting Saturday after third Wednesday in January. Next meeting in Houlton, January 6, 1854.

Dea. WM. STEVENS, Moderator.

Rev. J. E. M. WRIGHT, Scribe and Treasurer.

S. S. SIGNIFIES STATED SUPPLY. * AS REPORTED LAST YEAR.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.	Admissions		Removals.			Total No. of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.					
Burlington, July 12, 1827,	J. E. M. Wright, s.s., Sept. 15, 1852,						14	2		80	$10 00
Ft. Fairfield, 1844,	E. S. Knight, s.s.,						10	1	1	†60	7 00
Hodgdon,	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s., 1851,						13			74	
Houlton, Jan. 24, 1833,							22	11		90	12 95
Letter F, 1846,	E. S. Knight, s.s.,						4	1		†50	
Lincoln, May 3, 1831,	Alvan J. Bates, s.s., Sept. 24, 1847,				2		25	9		65	24 50
Monticello, Jan. 25, 1833,	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s., 1851.						4				
Passadumkeag, Mar. 2, 1845,	Wm. A. Merrill, s.s., Sept. 5, 1851,	1					9		1	100	26 00
Patten, Mar. 1, 1840,	Ephraim Fobes, Jr., s.s., 1853,						23	4		†35	1 00
Salmon Brook, 1845,	E. S. Knight, s.s., Oct., 1853,						8	1		†40	
Springfield, Dec. 3, 1842,	N. W. Sheldon, s.s., May, 1853,			1			18			†70	
ELEVEN.	SEVEN.	1		1	2		150	29	2	664	$70 75

† Union Schools.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting Tuesday next preceeding 2d Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting Tuesday next preceeding 2d Wednesday in January. Next meeting in Portland, 2d Church, January 10, 1854.

Rev. HORATIO MERRILL, Moderator. Rev. ALLEN LINCOLN, Scribe. Dea. DANIEL EVANS, of Portland, Treasurer.

Auburn,	May 30,	1844,	Thomas N. Lord, s.s.,			35	4				102	11	24	125	200 00
Baldwin,	May,	1821,	Cyril Pearl,		1850,						*16				5 00
Brunswick,		1747,	Geo. E. Adams, D. D.,	Dec. 30,	1829,		1	3	7		202		5	147	200 00
Cape Elizabeth,		1734,									*36				5 00
Cumberland,	Sept.	1793,	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3,	1841,		3	4			128	19	1	100	186 98
Durham,	May,	1796,	Jonas Fisk, s.s.,		1849,						*44				19 50
Falmouth 1st,		1754,	Charles Dame,	May 29,	1839,			2			134		8		40 00
" 2d,	Sept. 2,	1830,	Isaac Carlton, s.s.,		1853,						*86			87	98 00
Freeport,	Dec. 21,	1789,	L. Conklin,	Jan. 1,	1852,	3	4	5	1	3	190	22	2	115	390 00
Gorham,		1750,	John R. Adams,		1846,	7	2	2	3		180			177	271 00
Gray,	Aug.	1774,	Allen Lincoln,	Nov. 25,	1845,			1			57	10		54	44 80
Harpswell,		1753,	Elijah Kellogg,		1843,			1			61	1		165	
Lewiston Falls,		1825,	James Drummond,	Oct. 12,	1842,	4	14	1	2		145		3	120	522 00
Mechanic Falls,			Enos Merrill,		1847,	1	6				53	12	2		76 50
Minot,	Sept. 8,	1791,	Elijah Jones,	Feb. 12,	1823,	39	3	1	2		183	30	10	71	30 00
" West,								1		3	28				10 75
New Gloucester,	June 10,	1764,	Horatio Merrill, s.s.,		1851,	3	1	7	3		157			127	346 47
Poland,	Nov. 2,	1825,	Stephen Gould,	June,	1847,			2	1		44	20		50	15 00
Portland 2d ch.,	Nov. 30,	1788,	John J. Carruthers, D.D.,	Aug. 9,	1846,	6	12	3	2		362		8	245	2500 00
" 3d ch.,	Sept. 9,	1825,	Wm. T. Dwight, D.D.,	June 6,	1832,	7	14	7	8		251	34	11	191	1386 08
" High St.,	Sept. 9,	1831,	John W. Chickering,	Apr. 2,	1835,	10	10	3	8		343	25	10	198	3010 64
" State St.,	Mar. 17,	1852,	Hugh S. Carpenter,	Apr. 21,	1853,	4	8				68	4		95	244 59
" Abyssinian,											*76				9 12
" Bethel,	Sept. 24,	1840,	J. R. French, s.s.,	May,	1851,	8				1	27		3	230	39 21
Pownal,	Mar. 20,	1811,	Edwin Buck, s.s.,		1853,			6	4		120	30		120	67 03
Raymond,	Nov.	1813,						1			10	5			
Scarborough,		1727,	J. B. Thornton,		1851,						*98				555 92
Standish,	Oct.	1768,	J. B. Hadley,		1851,						*58				14 08
Westbrook, 1st,	April,	1765,	C. E. Lord, s.s.,		1852,						*47				12 00
Westbrook, 2d, (Sacarappa)		1832,	John L. Ashby,		1851,	9		1			120	31			71 00
Windham,	Dec.	1743,	John Perham,		1851,	2	4	1	2		59			100	41 00
Yarmouth,	Nov. 18,	1730,	Edmund K. Alden,	Jan. 2,	1850,	1	3	4	8	2	251	18		350	760 00
" North,	Oct. 1,	1806,	Caleb Hobart,	Dec. 3,	1823,			1	1		97		9	111	985 16
THIRTY-THREE.			TWENTY-NINE.			139	89	57	52	9	3893	272	96	2978	11309 83

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting 3d Tuesday in June.

SYLVESTER STRICKLAND, Moderator. **SAMUEL WYMAN, Scribe.**

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.	Admissions		Removals.			Total of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.					
Chesterville, 1796,							*40		-		37 62
Farmington, Oct. 1814,	Isaac Rogers, March 9, 1826,						*125	●			153 19
Fayette,							*21				4 77
Industry, 1802,							*71				1 00
Kingfield,	David Turner, s.s., 1851,						*10				
New Portland,							*15				1 25
New Sharon, Feb. 9, 1801,							*100				
New Vineyard, Sept. 3, 1828,	D. Turner, s.s., Sept. 23, 1828,						*39				16 00
Phillips, 1817,	Samuel L. Gould, s.s., 1852,						*54				
Strong, March, 1810,	Wm. Davenport, May 5, 1853,						*66	*45		108	25 77
Temple, 1806,	Simeon Hackett, s.s., 1851,						*83				34 00
Weld, 1809,	John B. Wheelwright, 1850,						*62			130	29 60
Wilton, 1818,	M. Curtis, 1852,						*44				16 00
THIRTEEN.	NINE.						*730	*45		238	288 53

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting first Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting first Tuesday in October.
Next meeting in Castine, Sept. 28, 1853.

Dea. SAMUEL ADAMS, of Castine, Moderator. Rev. SAMUEL BOWKER, Scribe.

Aurora and Amherst,	Sept. 14,	1830,	Henry S. Loring,	June 20,	1850,							32	10	1	100	45	00
Blaehill,	Oct. 7,	1792,	Harvey M. Stone,	Nov. 2,	1848,			1	3			142	27	1	99	123	10
Bucksport,	May 12,	1803,	J. B. R. Walker,	Oct. 27,	1847,			3	3			143			125	610	00
Brooksville West,	Jan. 4,	1826,		March,	1850,							*53			75	5	00
Castine Trin. Church,		1820,										*89			135	503	34
Deer Isle,		1773,	Wm. V. Jordan, s.s.,		1852,			5	2			188	11		135	25	00
Ellsworth,	Sept. 8,	1812,	Sewall Tenney,	Nov. 11,	1835,		2					107	18	1	185	394	00
Orland,		1850,	Hiram Houston,	Sept. 25,	1850,	1	1					29		1	88	45	00
Sedgwick,	July 8,	1793,	Manning Ellis,	June,	1831,			1				46	16		60	25	00
" Village,	Oct. 28,	1847,	—— Peabody, s.s.,		1852,							*27			40	4	00
Tremont and Mt. Desert,		1790,	Samuel Bowker, s.s.,	Sept.	1851,	3		1				120	16	4	150	50	00
ELEVEN.			NINE.			4	3	11	9			959	98	8	1192	1859	44

KENNEBEC CONF'ERENCE.

Annual meeting 2d Juesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting 4th Tuesday in January.
Place of next meeting, Gardiner, January 24, 1854.

Rev. DAVID THURSTON, Moderator. JOSHUA S. GAY, Scribe.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.			MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.			Admissions		Removals.			Total of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
						Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.					
Albion,	Sept.	1803,									*21				5 00
Augusta North,			Josiah G. Merrill, s.s.								*30				6 80
" South,	Oct.	1794,	Edwin B. Webb,	Sept. 11,	1850,	9	2	3	5		244			250	1000 00
Benton,											*19				11 01
Gardiner,	July 28,	1835,	Wm. L. Hyde,		1849,		1		3		73	8		98	56 00
Hallowell,	July 25,	1790,	John P. Skeele,	Oct. 9,	1850,	7	2	3	13	1	196	33	7	125	414 84
Litchfield,	June 6,	1811,	Benjamin Smith, s.s.	June,	1852,			2	1		47	1		70	16 00
Monmouth,	May 17,	1853,	Joseph H. Conant, s.s.	May 22.	1852,	7	14				21			61	5 21
Pittston 1st,	Nov. 17,	1812,	Joshua S. Gay,	Jan. 7,	1852,			1			46	9	3	40	17 81
" 2d,	Nov.	1850,	"	"	"						15				
Richmond,	Feb. 9,	1827,	Pliny F. Barnard,	" 14,	1847,		5				36	6	2	90	70 00
Sidney,		1831,	Josiah G. Merrill, s.s.			2					14				9 00
Vassalboro,	July 28,	1818,	David Thurston, s.s.		1851,			1			31			54	31 12
Waterville,		1828,	Richard B. Thurston,		1846,	11	2		1	1	72	21	5	90	75 00
Windsor,		1820,									*28				
Winslow,	Aug. 27,	1828,	David Shepley, s.s.		1851,	3	1	1	3		62	21	6	90	100 00
Winthrop,	Sept. 4,	1776,	Rufus M. Sawyer.	Oct. 15,	1851.	5		3	2		160				145 63
SEVENTEEN.			TWELVE.			44	27	14	28	2	1115	99	23	968	1963 42

LINCOLN CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting second Tuesday in June. Next meeting at Bath, Winter street Church, June 13, 1854.

Rev. D. CUSHMAN, Moderator. Rev. S. S. DRAKE, Scribe. Rev. C. B. SMITH, Cor. Sec'y.

Alna,	Sept. 27,	1796,	Samuel Talbot,		1843,	5		1	2		90	18	5	50	43 50
Bath Winter St.	Dec. 8,	1795,	John O. Fiske,	Aug. 17,	1843,	18	5	8	4	2	222	48	17	225	1663 35
" Central,		1835,	E. Whittlesey,		1851,	4		2	1		128	8	6	160	1270 22
Boothbay 1st,		1767,	J. Adams, s.s.		1859,						*100				15 50
" Harbor,	June 13,	1849,									*50				11 42
Bremen,			D. Cushman, s.s.		1850,						*17			100	†100 00
Bristol,		1767,	C. Morgridge, s.s.		1850,						*59				22 14
Edgecomb,		1783,	Ivory Kimball, s.s.		1851,			4	4		96		7	78	21 28
Jefferson,											*9				
Lisbon,											*23				19 00
New Castle 1st,	Oct. 4,	1797,	D. Cushman, s.s.		1845,	6		2			46			50	100 00
" 2d,	Aug. 4,	1843,	E. G. Carpenter,		1851,						*192				193 50
Phipsburg,	July 1,	1765,	S. S. Drake,		1850,			4	4		202	26		75	36 80
Rockland,	Mar. 8,	1838,	S. C. Fessenden,	May 3,	1838,						*72				85 78
Thomaston,	June 15,	1809,	R. Woodhull,	July 7,	1830,			4		5	105	19	1	70	100 20
Topsham,		1789,	J. Wilde,		1852,						120				84 16
Union,		1803,	D. F. Potter,		1851,	2		1	2		74	9		106	46 86
Waldoboro,	Aug.	1807,	J. Dodge,	June 15,	1842,	4	1	2	2	1	193	10	8	200	306 50
Warren,	Feb. 27,	1838,	C. H. Wheeler,	Dec. 29,	1852,	1	2	2			120		2	160	163 00
Wiscasset,	Oct. 9,	1838,	U. Balkam,	Jan. 22,	1845,	2		1	3		110				118 00
Woolwich,	June 12,	1765,	C. B. Smith, s.s.		1852,			1		2	55			100	75 00
Washington,		1812,									37				4 75
TWENTY-TWO.			SEVENTEEN.			42	8	32	22	10	2050	138	46	1374	4421 70

† Legacy.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting 1st Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting 3d Tuesday in October.
Next meeting in Gilead, Oct. 18, 1853.

Dea. SAMUEL POOR, Moderator. Rev. MARK GOULD, Scribe.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		Admissions		Removals.			Total of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.					
Andover,	Nov. 1800,	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851,						48	5		145	37 50
Bethel 1st,	Oct. 7, 1799,			8	4	1			113	19		140	13 88
" 2d,	June 31, 1849,	David Garland,	Aug. 15, 1849,	5					43		5	106	26 26
Dixfield,	May, 1826,					1	2		22	9		*50	
Gilead,									20			40	28 26
Norway 1st,	1818,						†17		33			42	27 80
" 2d,	1802,	H. W. Strong, s.s.	1850,	2	2		2		29		2	50	
Oxford,	Jan. 15, 1853,	A. T. Loring, s.s.	1852,				2		45	21	2	60	38 31
Rumford,	May 31, 1826,	G. F. Tewksbury, s.s.	1853,						*72				9 26
S. Paris.	Aug. 5, 1803,			4	2	3	5		125	16	7	110	109 60
Sumner,	Nov. 9, 1819,	Francis Dyer,	June 1, 1852,						88	20		101	20 60
Shelburne, N. H.	Sept. 9, 1802,	Benj. G. Willey, s.s.	1851,			2			7			50	
Turner,						2	2		83	*14	1	71	43 75
	May 16, 1784,	John Dodd, s.s.	1848,										
	THIRTEEN.		EIGHT.	19	10	9	30		730	104	17	965	422 02

† To form a new Church.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting 2d Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting 2d Tuesday in January.
Next meeting in Brewer 1st Church, January 10, 1854.

Rev. L. IVES HOADLEY, Moderator. Rev. GEO. B. LITTLE, Scribe. Dea. E. F. DUREN, of Bangor, Treasurer.

Bangor 1st ch.	Nov. 27,	1811,	Geo. B. Little,	Oct. 11,	1849,	48	5	19	12	1	326	66	42	225	2000	00
" Hammond st.	Dec. 5,	1833,	John Maltby,	July 23,	1834,	53	6	1	23	1	281	35	26	300	2146	46
" Central,	April 1,	1847,	Geo. Shepard, D.D. S.S	April 1,	1847,	45	34	1	2		148	13	34	275	140	50
" North, (now Veazie)	June,	1838,									*25			55		
Brewer 1st ch.		1800,				6	3				108	17		150	500	00
" Village,	July 12,	1837,	Thos. Smith,	Jan. 21,	1846,	5	1				35	3	4	140	114	03
Carmel,	May 5,	1853,				6	7				13		5	40		
Corinna,		1841,									*12			35		
Dedham,	Dec. 23,	1841,	Lewis Goodrich,	Jan. 1,	1850,	2	1				41		3	86	180	00
Dixmont,	Nov 1,	1807,	Israel Hills, S.S,	March,	1846,						*20			57	23	12
Glenburn,		1839,									*14			23		
Hampden,	May 5,	1817,	Javan K. Mason,	Jan. 18,	1849,	4	1		4		84	16	5	144	245	00
Holden,	Nov. 11,	1838,				3			1		83			164	5	57
Kenduskeag,	Dec. 23,	1835,	S. E. Bixby,	June 30,	1853,	4	3		1		54			161	18	00
Oldtown,	Sept. 24,	1834,	Samuel H. Merrill,	Jan. 5,	1848,	2	1		1		35	8	1	106	79	86
Orono,	April,	1837,	L. Ives Hoadley,	June 18,	1851,						38	11	1	99	109	70
Orrington,	June 12,	1834,	Franklin Davis, S.S.	Sept. 2,	1849,	3					58	9		112	50	00
SEVENTEEN.			ELEVEN.			181	62	17	44	2	1375	178	121	2179	5612	24

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting Tuesday preceeding third Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting third Tuesday in December.
Next meeting in Brownville, December 20, 1853.

Dea. STEPHEN SMITH, of Garland, Moderator. Rev. H. ILSLEY, Scribe and Treasurer.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.	Admissions: Prof.	Admissions: Letter.	Removals: Deaths.	Removals: Dismis.	Removals: Exc.	Total of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
Abbot, Feb. 2, 1841,							11	7			7 00
Atkinson, March, 1849,				1			30	6			12 00
Blanchard, March, 1833,	J. A. Perry, s.s. 1850,			2			58	19		50	43 00
Bradford,	Solomon Bixby, s.s. 1852,		1	1	1		26	5		65	23 00
Brownville, Aug. 24, 1819,	Wm. S. Sewall, Sept. 25, 1830,	13	5	2			94	5	11	75	39 00
Dexter,			2	1			54	15	1	60	40 00
Exeter, 1835,	Phillip Titcomb, 1852,			1			14	10			
Foxcroft and Dover, Dec. 20, 1832,	Wooster Parker, Nov. 9, 1842,	9	3	3	5	2	140	34		110	119 26
Garland, March, 1810,	P. B. Thayer, 1846,		1	1	2		88	5	1	50	20 00
Milo,					4		6	1			2 00
Monson, Aug. 11, 1831,	Horatio Ilsley, Oct. 13, 1841,	1		1		1	83	22	3	60	26 35
Sangerville, 1838,			1				95	5		50	5 10
Sebec,					2		10	1			1 00
THIRTEEN.	SEVEN.	23	13	13	14	3	611	135	16	500	450 34

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting Tuesday preceeding 2d Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, time fixed by Com. of Arrangements.
Next annual meeting at Madison, June 13, 1854. Semi-annual at South Solon.

THOMAS B. TENNEY, Esq., Moderator. Rev. H. S. DOWNES, Scribe.

Anson,			Thos. G. Mitchell, s.s.		1851,				1		*42	20			15	50
Athens,											3	2				
Bingham,	July 24,	1805,	S. Turner, s.s.	Jan. 6,	1847,	2			1		70		1	50	22	00
Bloomfield,	Nov. 18,	1801,	G. W. Hathaway,	Mar. 20,	1833,	1			1		94	17	1	125	45	00
Cornville,			G. W. Fargo, s.s.		1847,						*8					
Fairfield,	Aug.	1815,	" "		1851,						*15				7	75
Flagstaff,											*37					
Madison,	March,	1826,	T. G. Mitchell, s.s.		1851,				1		34	7		105	35	00
Mercer,		1822,							1		51	14			6	00
Norridgewock,	Sept. 22,	1797,	H. S. Downs,	Sept. 29,	1852,	6	3	2	3		91	35		175	74	00
Skowhegan,	Dec. 6,	1841,	A. Morton, s.s.		1853,						94	6		110	12	00
Solon Village,	Jan. 25,	1842,	S. Turner, s.s.		1847,	1			1		10		1		3	06
" South,	Sept. 30,	1806,	A. Morton,		1853,	1					51			60	5	00
St. Albans,	June 29,	1830,	P. B. Thayer,† s.s.		1849,		1	2	4	1	58	6		80	10	29
FOURTEEN.			SEVEN.			11	4	4	13	1	588	87	3	705	235	60

†P. O. Address, Garland.

UNION CONFERENCE.

(Formerly comprised in Oxford and Cumberland Conferences.)

Annual meeting Tuesday before 3d Wednesday in June. Semi-annual meeting, Tuesday before 4th Wednesday in December.
Next meeting in Hiram, December 27, 1853.

Dr. RUEL BARROWS, of Fryeburg, Moderator. Rev. J. P. RICHARDSON, of Otisfield, Scribe.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		Admissions		Removals.			Total No. of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.					
Albany,	Sept. 1803,					1	1		73			75	2 00
Bridgton,	Aug. 1784,	Josiah T. Hawes,	1850,	1		2	1		66				
" South,	Dec. 30, 1889,	J. P. Fessenden,	Feb. 10, 1830,						49			50	26 80
" North,	Nov. 16, 1838,	Horace Wellington, s.s.	1852,					1	45			100	33 18
Brownfield,	1806,	David Gerry,	Dec. 25, 1839,						41			40	
Denmark,	1829,								30				
Fryeburg,	July, 1775,	Carlton Hurd,	Sept. 17, 1862,	4	3	4	3		190			131	237 40
Hiram,	Aug. 1838,	David Gerry,	Dec. 25, 1839,	1					18			70	
Harrison,	Feb. 15, 1836,								*14				57 87
Lovell,	Oct. 6, 1793,	Joseph Smith, s.s.	1852,		1	3			66	13		112	30 00
Otisfield,	Nov. 23, 1797,	J. P. Richardson,	Oct. 22, 1853,						150				26 17
Sweden,	Nov. 1817,	Leonard W. Harris, s.s.	1856,		2		2		46			76	16 09
Waterford,	Oct. 1799,	John A. Douglass,	Nov. 7, 1851,	43		4	6	1	208		19	200	103 79
THIRTEEN.		NINE.		49	6	14	13	2	1013	13	19	854	571 92

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting 2d Tuesday in June. Semi-annual usually in October, sometimes in January.
Next meeting at Brooks, October 18, 1853.

Rev. J. R. MUNSELL, Moderator. Rev. J. FREEMAN, Scribe and Treasurer.

Belfast 1st,	Dec. 29,	1796,	Edward F. Cutter,	Sept. 23,	1846,		1		2	3	114		3	100	201	69
" North,	Sept. 24,	1846,	Joseph R. Munsell,	Sept. 22,	1852,			1			51	6	1	122	37	00
Camden,	Sept. 11,	1805,	Benj. C. Chase,	Jan. 8,	1849,	2		3	2		132	17	2	175	205	00
Frankfort 1st,	Sept. 7,	1820,	Stephen H. Hayes,	Aug. 29,	1844,	3	2	1	5		70	10	4	130	75	00
" 2d,	Nov. 18,	1851,	G. W. Field, s.s.		1852,						14	2		100	25	00
Jackson and Brooks,	Oct. 6,	1812,	Luther Wiswell,			1		1	3		71	26		75	25	00
Prospect,	Oct. 16,	1839,	Joseph Freeman, Jr.	Mar. 18,	1846,		1				50	7	2	84	50	00
Searsport,	Oct. 4,	1815,	Stephen Thurston,	Aug. 9,	1826,	46	4	6	3	2	257	35	24	260	383	00
Swanville,	June 1,	1826,						2			20	14			20	00
Thorndike,											28				42	00
Unity,	Dec.	1804,				14					35	5	6	80	25	00
ELEVEN.			EIGHT.			66	8	14	15	5	842	122	42	1126	1088	69

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting 2d Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting 2d Wednesday in October.
Next meeting at St. Stevens, (Milltown) October 12, 1853.

Dea. GEO. DOWNES, Moderator. Rev. S. L. BOWLER, Scribe. Dea. W. A. CROCKER, Treasurer.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.	Admissions: Prof.	Admissions: Letter.	Removals: Deaths.	Removals: Dismis.	Removals: Exc.	Total of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
Calais, Aug. 17, 1825,	Sam'l H. Keeler, Nov. 20, 1839,	9		1	6	1	150			160	400 00
Cherryfield, Nov. 1833,							*23				5 00
Cooper,							*18				
Dennysville, Oct. 27, 1805,	J. H. Stearns, 1844,			1	1		98	25		153	190 00
Eastport, Feb. 8, 1819	W. T. Dickson, 1853,	20	2	1			105	19		100	105 00
Jonesboro,							*15				
Lubec, 1818,	G. W. Finney, s.s. 1852,				4		10				7 00
Machias, 1792,	S. L. Bowler, Jan. 5, 1853,			5	1		152	20		190	220 00
" East, 1826,	John C. Adams, s.s. 1849,	1		1	1	1	115		1	150	85 00
" Port, Dec. 1830,	G. Bachellor, s.s. 1850,			2	2		52				12 50
Northfield,							*56				10 00
Pembroke,	S. Wentworth, s.s.						*13				22 00
Perry, Oct. 7, 1822,							*29				5 00
Robbinston, Nov. 24, 1811,	D. B. Sewall, Jan. 19, 1841,	2		1			91			83	128 12
Whiting,					3		11				
Whitneyville,							*28				
St. Stevens, 1852,		4		2			86		2	200	225 00
SEVENTEEN.	NINE.	36	4	14	18	2	1052	64	3	1036	1423 62

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual meeting 1st Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual meeting 2d Tuesday in January.
Next meeting in South Berwick, Jan. 10, 1854.

Rev. A. W. FISKE, Moderator. Rev. G. W. CRESSEY, Scribe and Treasurer.

Acton,	Sept. 18,	1781,	Wm. Pierce, s s.	April,	1851,	3			1		65	17	2	55	23 00
Alfred,	Sept.	1799,	John Orr,	May 7,	1846,	4			3		106	17	5	109	103 56
Biddeford 1st,	April 30,	1730,	Levi Loring, s.s.	July,	1851,				1	1	82	9	9	45	15 21
" 2d,	March 1,	1805,	Sam'l M. Gould,	Jan. 6,	1853,	53	5		2		157	15	30	130	250 00
Buxton,		1763,	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 7,	1847,	5	5		2		80		3	64	45 00
" North Cong.		1663,	G. W. Cressey, s.s.†		1852,						*73				30 00
Cornish,											*12				
Elliot,	June 22,	1721,	Jeffries Hall, s.s.	May,	1852,			5	2		69	6		76	
Kennebunk Union ch.	Aug. 15,	1826,	Wm. H. Wilcox,	Nov. 4,	1852,	1		1	3		82	22		70	170 00
" Port 1st,	Nov.	1730,	John Baker,	Sept. 26,	1849,				3		69			77	59 50
" " South,	Jan. 30,	1838,	Geo. A. Bowman,	Aug. 9,	1848,				5		76				225 00
" " Union ch.								1			4				
Kittery,	Nov. 4,	1714.	Albert W. Fisk,‡	July 18,	1850,			2	2		44	10	1	57	61 71
Lebanon,	Jan. 26,	1765,	Joseph Loring,§	Oct. 12,	1836,		1	1	1		75				112 00
Limerick,	July 5,	1795,	Charles Freeman,	Jan. 19,	1820,	2	2		1		86	18		70	160 00
Limington,	Oct. 11,	1789,	John H. Garman,	Nov. 3,	1847,	2		1			94	22	3	120	20 00
Lyman,	Dec. 2,	1801,	Amasa Loring, s.s.	Jan.	1849,		1	1	1		127	17		100	65 00
Newfield,	July,	1801,	Edmund Burt,‖	Sept. 19,	1849,						68				14 70
Parsonsfield,	Jan.	1795,									*26				5 00
Saco,	Oct. 13,	1762,									*216				575 00
Sanford,	Mar. 28,	1786,						3	2		50	12		92	44 00
Shapleigh,	Oct. 23,	1823,									16	2			
South Berwick,	June 4,	1701,	Benj. R. Allen,	Oct. 12,	1842,	22		4			146		15	75	300 00
Wells 1st,	Oct. 29,	1701,	James R. Cushing,	Nov. 20,	1844,			5	3		164	46	5	136	127 71
" 2d,	Aug. 23,	1831,	Jacob C. Goss,	Mar. 19,	1851,			4			59			60	50 00
York 1st,		1673,	John Smith,	Oct. 9,	1850,			1			86			90	154 83
" 2d,		1732,	Morris Holman,¶	Nov. 3,	1847,			1			29				98 00
†† TWENTY-SIX.			TWENTY-ONE.			94	15	34	32	1	2161	223	76	1426	3630 99

† P. O. Address, Buxton Centre. ‡ Kittery Point. § Lebanon Centre. ‖ West Newfield. ¶ Scotland. †† Congregations 27.

SUMMARY.

General Conference of Maine, organized in Portland, Jan. 10, 1826.

County Conferences and Date of Organization.	No. of churc's.	Ministers.	Admiss. Profession.	Admiss. Letter.	Removals. Deaths.	Removals. Dismissals	Removals. Excluded.	Total of Members.	Non-residents.	Baptisms.	S. Schools. No. in	Total of Donations.
Aroostook, 1844	11	7	1		1	2		150	29	2	664	79 75
Cumberland, 1822	35	29	139	89	57	52	9	3893	272	96	2978	11399 83
Franklin, 1839	13	9						*730	*45		938	288 53
Hancock, 1825	11	9	4	3	11	9		959	98	8	1192	1859 44
Kennebec, 1823	17	12	44	27	14	28	2	1115	99	23	968	1963 42
Lincoln, 1825	22	17	42	8	32	22	10	2050	138	46	1374	4421 70
Oxford, 1821	13	8	19	10	9	30		739	194	17	965	422 02
Penobscot, 1825	17	11	181	69	17	44	2	1375	178	121	2172	5612 94
Piscataquis, 1842	13	7	23	13	13	14	3	611	135	16	520	459 34
Somerset, 1823	14	7	11	4	4	13	1	588	87	3	705	235 60
Union, 1836	13	9	49	6	14	13	2	1013	13	12	854	571 22
Waldo, 1848	11	8	66	8	14	15	5	842	122	42	1126	1088 69
Washington, 1829	17	9	36	4	14	18	2	1052	64	3	1036	1423 62
York, 1823	26	21	94	15	34	32	1	2161	223	76	1426	2639 22
FOURTEEN.	231	163	708	249	234	292	37	17278	1607	465	16218	†32374 62

*** Each County Conference continues its annual and semi-annual sessions, two days.

The General Conference, in its annual session, occupies three days.

Ordained Ministers without Pastoral Charge.

Silas Baker, - - - - - - - - - Kennebunk-Port.
Alden B. Boynton, - - - - - - - - Wiscasset.
John Boynton, - - - - - - - - - Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley, - - - - - - - - - Westbrook.
James Carruthers, - - - - - - - - Portland.
Elias Chapman, - - - - - - - - - Newfield.
Albert Cole, - - - - - - - - - Cornish.
Asa Cummings, D. D. Editor of Christian Mirror, - Portland.
J. W. Ellingwood, D. D. - - - - - - Bath.
Roswell D. Hitchcock, Collins Prof. in Bowdoin College, Brunswick.
Marcus R. Keep, Miss'y in Aroos. Co. - - No. 11 Aroostook.
Freeman Parker, - - - - - - - - - Wiscasset.
H. A. Merrill, - - - - - - - - - Windham.
Enoch Pond, D. D. Prof. in Theological Seminary, - Bangor.
Lincoln Ripley, - - - - - - - - - Waterford.
John Sawyer, - - - - - - - - - Garland.
George Shepard, D. D. Prof. in Theological Seminary, Bangor.
D. Talcott Smith, " " " Bangor.
William Smyth, Prof. in Bowdoin College, - - Brunswick.
Samuel Souther, Jr. Agent Am. S. S. Union, - Fryeburg.
D. Turner, Agent Am. Tract Society, - - - Portland.
Thomas C. Upham, D. D. Prof. in Bowdoin College, Brunswick.
James Wells, City Missionary, - - - - - Bangor.
Isaac Weston, - - - - - - - - - Cumberland.
James Weston, - - - - - - - - - Standish.
Henry White, - - - - - - - - - Foxcroft.
Leonard Woods, Jr. D. D. President of Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

† This sum does not include what is given to BANGOR SEMINARY, BOWDOIN COLLEGE, and to such permanent uses; or to local, home charities.
The Seminary has received about fifteen thousand dollars; through not all from this State.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, Records commenced at Kittery, Me. West Parish, October 24, 1781. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. The churches in Maine connected with this Association, are South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery.

Rev. LYMAN WHITE, of Epping, N. H., *Scribe.*

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed at Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of February: other meetings on the second Tuesday of May, August and November.

Rev. EDMUND K. ALDEN, of Yarmouth, *Scribe.*

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, formed at Sedgwick, September 21, 1797. Meetings usually in February, June, August and October.

Rev. J. B. R. WALKER, of Bucksport, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC ASSOCIATION, formed at Pittston, July 24, 1816. Annual Meeting on the Monday preceding the fourth Tuesday of January:—other meetings on the fourth Tuesday in April, July and November.

Rev. JOHN P. SKEELE, of Hallowell, *Scribe.*

Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln, under the name of "Lincoln and Kennebec (ministerial) Conference."

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized at Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) October 27, 1817. Meets on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

Rev. GEORGE A. BOWMAN, of South Kennebunk, *Scribe.*

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed at Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual Meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year.

Rev. E. F. CUTTER, of Belfast, *Scribe.* This Association formerly connected with Hancock.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION, organized at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual Meeting on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December. Other meetings by adjournment.

Rev. GEORGE B. LITTLE, of Bangor, *Scribe.*

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed at South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834, meets first Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Rev. DAVID GERRY, of Brownfield, *Scribe.*

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in February. Other meetings quarterly.

Rev. PETER B. THAYER, of Garland, *Scribe.*

This Association formerly united with Penobscot.

LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844. Meetings first Tuesday in February, May and November.

Rev. URIAH BALKAM, of Wiscasset, *Scribe.*

LINCOLN EAST ASSOCIATION, formed at Warren, May 7, 1844. Meetings first Tuesday of July, May and October.

Rev. E. G. CARPENTER, of New Castle, *Scribe.*

These two bodies were once united in an Association formed at Bath, May 3, 1798. They were divided at Edgecomb, Feb. 7, 1844: the line of separation being Sheepscot river.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION, meets on the second Tuesday of May and September. Rev. JOHN DODD, of Turner, *Scribe*.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION. "Times of Meeting, June and October. Sub-Associations more frequently."
Rev. S. H. KEELER, of Calais, *Scribe*.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, (Aroostook Co.) formed at Enfield, December 12, 1851. Annual Meeting on Friday following the third Wednesday in January. Other meetings by adjournment.
Rev. WM. A. MERRILL, of Passadumkeag, *Scribe*.
This Association once connected with Penobscot.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION, united 1853. Meets on the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November.
Rev. WM. DAVENPORT, of Strong, *Scribe*.
Somerset originally joined with Kennebec, in 1816, and continued thus until 1829, when it was organized separately, and continued so until 1853.
Franklin was organized August, 1838, and continued a separate Association until 1853.

Abstract of the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

One of the points respects the *age* of those connected with the schools. While quite a number report no adults, 11 have from 40 to 60, and in a few instances a greater number:—20 others have from 15 to 35. In 3 schools that reported, comprising in all 313 pupils, 142 were under 17 years of age, and 171 above. In communities, where the white locks of age are found with the ruddy countenances of childhood, engaged in the study of God's word, the S. S. institution has a vigorous life, and widely extended usefulness.

Another item regards the *sex*. In 5 schools selected as examples, there were 138 male pupils, and 283 females. In 6 other schools there were 24 male teachers, and 97 female teachers.

A third topic was *punctuality*.

The report further speaks of the need of the influence of Sabbath Schools upon the church; to provide work for its members—and to secure in many places its perpetuity.

"To the christians of Maine the claims of this institution have a local importance. The communities of our State may be divided into three classes, to each of which the Sabbath School has peculiar adaptations.

1. Those towns which are stationary, or at ebb-tide in respect to population.

2. The villages where the water-power, or the railway station, or both combined, has given more life to business; or the shipyard,—gathering from all the surrounding country a rapidly increasing population.

3. Our maritime districts; whose youth follow the fish to the banks, or stretch along our coasts in our carrying trade, or push abroad through all the great highways of commerce, in every sea that the sun shines upon."

"Let us go to the labors of the Sabbath School with a *zeal* that shall know no ebbing, with a *faith* that shall never waver, a *hope* in its results ever growing brighter, and with *love*,—love to Christ, and love to those whom we lead to Christ, that shall grow warmer and deeper in our joyful hearts.

"Our children saved, our land is safe: and from our land, and from no part of it more than from our own beloved MAINE, shall go forth influences to save the world, to hasten on the day when there shall be no need to say, 'Know the Lord—for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD.'"

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee of Conference appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, at its last anniversary, and to report on the state and condition of the same, beg leave to report as follows:

1.—The Examination. This was commenced by Prof. Smith in the department of Sacred Literature. It was held in both the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and in the Greek of the New—in the forms and philosophy of language, and in the various principles of Interpretation in general. The whole was close and thorough, and made open to inquiry as it proceeded. In the opinion of the Committee, it showed that there had been faithful attention on the part of the Prof. in his instructions, and on the part of the students in their application, in all the several branches of study concerned.

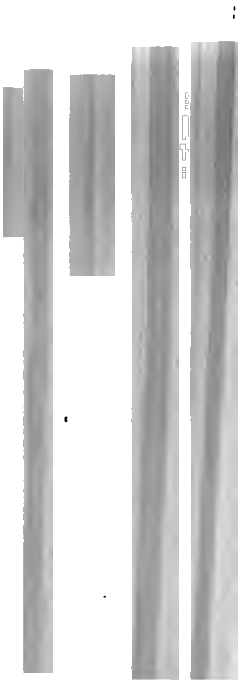
In Systematic Theology, the examination was conducted by Prof. Pond. The usual topics in this department were brought under consideration, and on some points the examination was protracted by questions from the Committee, and some of the Trustees present. The Committee were gratified with the evidence afforded, of the knowledge and tact and skill of many of the Students in disposing of difficulties, and in defending the truth. The examination might have been more thorough, but for the illness of Prof. Pond during the week of the anniversary, which left him scarcely able to attend to it. Professor Pond conducted the examination in Ecclesiastical History, also, in which the Students showed that they had made respectable attainments.

In the department of Sacred Rhetoric and Homiletics, together with Pastoral Duties, the examination was by Prof. Shepard. It showed that there had been effectual teaching and successful learning, and gave pleasing promise of acceptableness and usefulness on the part of the young brethren in the opening labors of life.

In view of the examination as a whole, the Committee are free to express their confidence in the good and sound condition of the Seminary.

2.—The Anniversary Exercises. These were decidedly creditable, and some of them of a high order, evincing more than ordinary maturity, both as to knowledge and the power of thought and expression. What added to the interest of the occasion was the ordination of one of the graduating class, Mr. Wm. C. Pond, son of Prof. Pond, as a Missionary to California.

3.—The Graduating Class. This consisted of 16. Of these, 3, it is understood, are settled Pastors in Maine; 2 have calls to settle in Maine, and will probably be ordained soon; 3 are laboring in Maine as stated supplies; 1 has been settled in New Hampshire; 1 is expecting soon to be settled in Mass.; 1 is a Missionary in California; 1 a teacher in Jacksonville College, Ill.; 1 an assistant teacher in the Seminary at Bangor; and 3 are Resident Licentiates in the Seminary at Andover, Mass. The class seemed to embody a good deal of talent and piety: and it may be hoped that their influence for good in the world, will be extensive and powerful.



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ANNUAL MEETING IN BANGOR,

JUNE 27, 28 AND 29, 1854.

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THE next Annual Meeting of the Conference will be held with the Third Congregational Church, Portland, commencing on Tuesday, June 26, 1855, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, on Tuesday evening.

Forty-eighth Anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday, June 27th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Anniversary of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, Wednesday P. M.

MINUTES.

The General Conference of Maine, assembled in the Central Congregational Church in Bangor, June 27, 1854, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The County Conferences connected with this body, were represented as follows:

Aroostook.—Rev. W. A. Merrill, Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Brs. J. B. Ludden, A. P. Kelley.

Cumberland.—Rev. J. Drummond, Rev. A. Lincoln, Brs. S. Blanchard, S. Pickard, Dea. E. Webster.

Franklin.—Rev. A. Morton, Rev. J. B. Wheelwright.

Hancock.—Rev. H. S. Loring, Rev. S. Bowker, Bro. J. N. Swasey, Dea. B. Silsbee.

Kennebec.—Rev. B. Smith, Rev. R. M. Sawyer, Brs. Isaac Smith, Francis South.

Lincoln.—Rev. J. Wilde, Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Rev. S. Talbot, Dea. E. C. Webb.

Oxford.—Rev. D. Sewall, Rev. E. A. Buck, Brs. C. L. Eustise, A. Field.

Penobscot.—Rev. J. K. Mason, Rev. S. H. Merrill, Dea. A. Drummond, Bro. I. Case.

Piscataquis.—Rev. P. B. Thayer, Rev. W. S. Sewall, Brs. J. Bell, Stephen Smith.

Somerset.—

Union.—Rev. H. Wellington, Bro. S. P. Anderson.

Waldo.—Rev. J. Freeman, Rev. B. C. Chase, Brs. W. Davis, C. Moore.

Washington.—Rev. J. S. Stearns, Rev. J. C. Adams, Dea. J. Kilby, Dea. W. A. Crocker.

York.—Rev. A. Cole, Brs. P. Eastman, J. K. Lincoln.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Moderator, Rev. D. Shepley. Cor. Sec'y, Rev. S. H. Hayes. Rec. Sec'y, Rev. S. C. Fessenden. Treasurer, Dea. E. F. Duren. Members of Committees. Publishing Committee—Rev. S. H. Hayes, Rev. S. C. Fessenden, Dea. E. F. Duren. Committee on Nominations—Rev. E. F. Cutter, Rev. S. Thurston, Rev. U. Balcombe, Dea. A. Drummond, Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rev. Amasa Loring. Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Geo. Shepard, Dea. E. Adams. Committee on Non-Attendance on Religious Worship—Rev. Messrs. Hayes, J. O. Fiske, Skeele, Dea. E. F. Duren, Bro. P. Eastman.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies who fulfilled their appointment—Rev. C. Hobart, Rev. E. Jones, Rev. J. L. Ashby.

DELEGATES OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Gen. Assembly, Pres. Chh. U. S, -	Rev. Samuel M. Hamill.
East. Me. Conf. Meth. Epis. Chh.	" S. F. Wetherbee.
Cong. Association, Iowa, - -	" C. Burnham.
Maine Baptist Convention, - -	- " S. G. Sargent.
General Convention, Vt. - -	- " N. Bishop.
West. Me. Conf. Meth. Epis. Chh.	- " A. F. Barnard.
General Association, New York,	- " H. Belden.
General Association, Connecticut,	- " H. Day and J. Burt.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The Moderator read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

Rev. S. Bowker was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

Reports of delegates to Corresponding Bodies were called for. Rev. E. Jones, delegate to General Association of N. H.; Rev. C. Hobart, delegate to General Assembly, N. Y., and Rev. J. L. Ashby, delegate to West Maine Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, reported that they had severally fulfilled their appointments, and were received with Christian cordiality.

Report of Treasurer of Conference, Dea. E. F. Duren, was received and accepted, and he was re-elected to this office.

11 o'clock. Public Services. Introductory exercises by Rev. J. Burt, delegate of General Association of Connecticut.

Sermon by Prof. Hitchcock, of Bowdoin College, from 1 Tim. 1 : 11.

Closing prayer and benediction by Prof. Hitchcock. Adjourned to 2½ P. M.

Tuesday, P. M. 2½ o'clock. Session of Conference opened with singing the 51st Psalm.

Rev. H. Ilsley led in prayer.

Rev. J. Burt, Rev. C. Hurd and Rev. C. Hobart, addressed the assembly.

At 3½ o'clock. The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Conference, to report "on the non-attendance on religious worship within our limits, and to suggest some means of reaching the masses with the preached word"—made its report, through its chairman, Rev. S. H. Hayes. The same was accepted and referred to the Publishing Committee. Its acceptance was ably advocated by Rev. S. L. Pomroy, D. D., Sec. A. B. C. F. M. and Rev. Messrs. Drummond of Lewiston, Fiske of Bath, and Thurston of Vassalboro',

On motion it was voted, That Dea. E. F. Duren, Rev. Messrs. Wilde and Cole, be a Committee to take into consideration the resolutions from certain County Conferences asking for a change of time at which "Returns" shall be made to the Scribes of County Conferences.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Chickering of Portland, and Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock A. M. Wednesday.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

This Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The President, Rev. B. Tappan, took the chair. Introductory services by Rev. J. Drummond. Sermon by Rev. J. O. Fiske, from 1 Cor. 1 : 24—"On the importance of Christ crucified as the prominent theme of all pulpit instructions."

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

The usual contribution was called for, and $114,75 was the amount contributed.

The officers of this Society for the current year, are as follows:

Rev. Dr. Tappan, *President;* Dea. S. Adams, *Vice President;* Rev. R. B. Thurston, *Secretary;* Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., *Treasurer.* *Trustees*—President and Secretary, *ex off.;* Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, Pond, Jones, Shepley, Tenney, Rogers, Woodhull.

1st Preacher for 1855, - - - Rev. U. Balcombe.
Substitute, - - - - - " H. S. Carpenter.

WEDNESDAY, 5 o'clock, A. M. There was a prayer meeting held in the vestry of the Central Church, conducted by Rev. Richard Woodhull.

At 8 o'clock the Conference met according to adjournment. The session was opened with devotional exercises.

Report of Committee to take into consideration the "resolutions" asking for change of time as to "returns," was called for.

A majority and minority report was presented, and, on motion, the minority report, recommending that the time for making out said "Returns" be changed from the 1st of January to and including the 1st Sabbath in June, was adopted.

A communication was received from the Ohio State Congregational Conference inviting fraternal correspondence, and correspondence was ordered. Conference adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. to give place to the

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., this Society held its 47th Anniversary. The President of the Society, Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., presided and conducted the opening services.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Belfast, from Mark 16: 15. Matt. 28: 19, 20. The subject—"Progress the element of life in the Christian church."

The report of the Treasurer, John How, Esq., was received and accepted. Receipts, $13,292.

Dr. Tappan, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, read the report of the Trustees, and the same was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Addresses, with respect to the acceptance of the report, were made by Rev. Messrs. Chickering, Noyes, Sec. of A. H. M. S., Pomroy, Cole, Balcombe, Bowker, Woodhull and J. O. Fiske.

Prayer and benediction by Father Sawyer.

The officers of the Society for the year are—

President, Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D.; *Vice President*, Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D.; *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*, Rev. Benj. Tappan, D. D.; *Treasurer*, John How, Esq.; *Auditors*, W. D. Little and W. C. Mitchell, Esqrs.

Trustees.—President, *ex officio;* Rev. D. Thurston, B. Tappan, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., E. Pond, D. D., Rev. E. F. Cutter, Rev. J. W. Chickering, Rev. D. Shepley, Rev. S. Thurston, Rev. I. Rogers and John How, Esq.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be holden on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1855, in the Third Congregational Church, Portland.

1st Preacher, - - - - Rev. S. C. Fessenden.
2d Preacher, - - - - Prof. D. Talcott Smith.

WEDNESDAY, P. M. Report on Sabbath Schools, by Rev. S. Souther, read, accepted and referred to the Publishing Committee. Remarks by Rev. S. H. Hayes.

3 O'CLOCK. Maine Branch of American Education Society held its annual meeting. Prayer and reading of Scriptures—Matt. ix and x—by the President.

An abstract of the Report of the Directors, written by Rev. Dr. Ellingwood, the Secretary, was read by Prof. Hitchcock, of Bowdoin College.

Addresses followed from Rev. Messrs. Whiting, of Mass., R. B. Thurston, Noyes, Sec'y Am. Home Miss'y Society, and Profs. Hitchcock and Pond.

Officers. Rev. D. Thurston, *President*. Rev. E. Pond, D. D., *Vice President*. Prof. Hitchcock, *Secretary*. Prof. Smyth, *Treasurer*.

Directors.—President and Secretary, Rev. Messrs. Shepley, Tappan and Cummings.

N. B. On the suggestion of Dr. Pond a pledge was given by the pastors present, to take up a collection for the Education Society during the year, the time being fixed at the Sabbath preceding or following the Concert of Prayer for Colleges in February.

4 o'clock. Conference resumed its session. Reading of Scriptures, 1 Tim. iv, by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. A. F. Barnard, of the Methodist Church of Maine.

Report of Committee to visit the Bangor Seminary, read by Rev. J. Loring, was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Addresses in connection with the Report by Rev. Dr. Pomroy, Rev. S. Thurston, Rev. James Drummond and other brethren.

Singing, 146th Select Hymn.

A brief statement was made by Prof. Pond in respect to the present wants of the Seminary, especially the need of a chapel, with a safe and convenient Library Room, followed by remarks from Prof. Hitchcock.

Benediction by Rev. J. Maltby, and Conference adj. to 7½ o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, 7½ o'clock. Session opened with reading of Scriptures by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. A. Cummings, D. D.

The Rev. Dr. Dwight offered the following resolution, and sustained it in a speech of great power, which was followed with remarks by Rev. J. O. Fiske, Rev. D. Thurston and many other brethren. The meeting continued to a late hour with unabated interest, when the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the recent action of the National Congress which opens to Slavery a vast territory heretofore regarded as secured to Freedom by solemn and time-honored compact, meets with our strongest disapprobation and dissent, and we feel called upon, as Christian citizens, to resist the effects of this action in all proper ways, as being a flagrant breach of faith, as extending a system which is essentially and wholly wrong, as providing for the dooming of other millions to be crushed by the same system, as bringing into jeopardy the continuance of our Union, as making us the scorn of the other nations of the earth, as exposing us to the just judgments of Almighty God, and finally as creating formidable obstructions to the progress of Christ's kingdom in the world.

Thursday, 5½ o'clock, A. M. There was a Prayer meeting in the vestry of the Hammond Street Church. Rev. S. Thurston led in the introductory services.

Session of Conference opened at 8 o'clock.

Report of the Committee on nominations was called for. The report was made and accepted, and is as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF N. H.

August 22, 1854, at Derry.

Rev. P. F. Barnard, Primary. Rev. G. N. Gorman, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.
June 26, 1855, at Northampton.
Rev. J. Freeman, Primary. Rev. S. H. Merrill, Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.
June 19, 1855, at Brattleboro'.
Rev. G. F. Tewksbury, Primary. Rev. H. M. Stone, Substitute.

EVANGELICAL CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND.
June 12, 1855, at Pawtucket.
Rev. John Orr, Primary. Rev. U. Balcombe, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.
June , 1855, at
Rev. J. R. Adams, Primary. Rev. John Dodd, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.
August 25, 1854, at Madrid, St. Lawrence County.
Rev. J. R. French, Primary. Rev. W. H. Wilcox, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.
May 25, 1855, at Kalamazoo.
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF WISCONSIN.
October 3, 1854, at Fond du Lac.
CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.
June 6, 1855, at Burlington.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.
May 17, 1855, at Jacksonville.

Rev. G. E. Adams, D.D., Rev. J. W. Chickering, } Primaries. Rev. E. B. Webb, Rev. Dr. Tappan, } Substitutes.

OHIO STATE CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.
June 19, 1855, at Ravenna.
Rev. John Wilde, Primary. Rev. J. O. Fiske, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (O. S.)
at
Rev. E. F. Cutter, Primary. Rev. B. R. Allen, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (N. S.)
at
Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., Primary. Rev. S. M. Gould, Substitute.

EAST MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.
June 5, 1855, at Bangor, Brick Chapel.
Rev. John Maltby.

WEST MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.
May 23, 1855, at Gardiner.
Rev. Henry Storer.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION, N. B.
at
Rev. D. B. Sewall.

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.
June 19, 1855, at Eastport.
Rev. W. P. Dickson.

FREEWILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.
August 16, 1854, at Rockland.
Rev. J. P. Skeele.

(Cong. Association Canada West, meets June 13, 1855, at Kingston, foot of Lake Ontario.)

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. S. Souther, Jr.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. C. Fessenden, Rev. S. H. Hayes, Dea. E. F. Duren.

COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF MINISTERS.

Rev. Drs. Dwight, Pond, Tappan and Cummings, and Rev. B. R. Allen.

COMMITTEE ON BANGOR SEMINARY.

York,	Rev. W. H. Wilcox.
Waldo,	Bro. S. G. Adams.
Lincoln,	" W. Wood.
Oxford,	Rev. E. A. Buck.
Somerset,	" H. S. Downs.
Piscataquis,	" P. Titcomb.
Washington,	" J. H. Stearns.
Cumberland,	Bro. S. Tyler.
Union,	Rev. J. P. Richardson.
Kennebec,	Bro. R. G. Lincoln.
Franklin,	Rev. A. Morton.
Penobscot,	Bro. Isaac Case.
Hancock,	Rev. H. S. Loring.
Aroostook,	" W. A. Merrill.

Next meeting of General Conference on the Tuesday preceding the 4th Wednesday of June, 1855, at the Third Church, Portland, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. William T. Dwight, D. D., Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D, Dea. Joseph Libbey, John How.

PREACHERS.

Rev. Geo. Shepard, D. D., Primary. Rev. J. R. Munsell, Substitute.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. U. Balcombe, Dea. A. Drummond, Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rev. A. Loring, Rev. A. Cole, Rev. R. B. Thurston.

Reports of Delegates from Corresponding Bodies were called for, and the Conference gave attention to the report of Delegates from the respective bodies in the following order:

Rev. N. Bishop,	Gen. Convention, Vt.
" H. Belden,	Gen. Association, N. Y.
" A. F. Barnard,	West Me. Conf. M. E. Chh.
" S. F. Wetherbee,	East Me. Conf. M. E. Chh.
" J. Burt,	Gen. Association, Conn.
" C. Burnham,	Gen. Association, Iowa.
" S. G. Sargent,	Maine Baptist Convention.
" S. M. Hamill,	Gen. Ass. Pres. Chh., U. S.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. K. Mason.

Report on the state of Religion in the Congregational Churches in Maine, was made by Rev. S. H. Hayes, Corresponding Secretary. Report was accepted and referred to Publishing Committee.

Rev. John Maltby followed the Report with appropriate remarks.

The Conference united in prayer with Rev. S. Thurston.

Committee of last year on Home Evangelization was re-appointed, viz.: Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hayes, J. P. Skeele and J. O. Fiske, Bro. P. Eastman and Dea. E. F. Duren.

The Committee "on the best mode of conducting the sessions of the Conference was re-appointed, viz.: Rev. G. Shepard, D. D., Rev. G.

B. Little. And it was also Voted, To add to its number the Committee of arrangements for the next annual meeting of the Conference.

An adjournment was called for, and Conference adjourned to 2½ P. M.

CLOSING SERVICES.

THURSDAY, 2½ P. M. Introductory services by Rev. David Thurston.

Annual Sermon by Rev. E. Kellogg, from Solomon's Song, 4: 16.

The Lord's Supper was then administered. Rev. Dr. Pomroy and Rev. S. M. Hamill, distributed the elements. Each offered prayer, and added appropriate remarks.

Benediction by Rev. S. M. Hamill.

Conference entered on a business session. Moderator being absent, Rev. Dr. W. T. Dwight was chosen Moderator pro. tem.

A resolution re-affirming the confidence of the Conference in the law known as "The Maine Liquor Law," and expressing the belief of this body "that the law is good and is doing good," was moved and passed.

On motion, *Voted*, That the thanks of the Conference be given to the families in the city whose hospitality it has so liberally enjoyed during its present session; also to the "choir," for their services.

Conference then adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, June 26, 1855, at Portland.

S. C. FESSENDEN, *Recording Secretary.*
S. H. HAYES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Bangor, June 29, 1854.

*** The printed minutes are the credentials of Delegates.

THE next meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, is appointed at Yarmouth, N. S., October 19, 1854.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In presenting another Annual Report, and in reviewing the past and the present, it becomes us first to acknowledge with devout humility and gratitude, the multiplied mercies of the Great Head of the Church. We have toiled through another year, and have now been permitted to come up from our various fields to meet each other in health and with our armor on; to come as the messengers of the churches, to greet our brethren from other religious bodies, to receive their salutations, learn their prosperity, and strengthen the bonds of a common Christian fellowship. We have been inspired with new vigor, as we have reviewed the motives and the demands for increasing labor and sacrifice, and felt a new confidence that the Redeemer of the world is preparing for the final victory.

But still the history of the year with us is not a history of successes. It is true a few pastors have been settled, a few houses of worship built and repaired, and one new church organized. Some churches have enjoyed precious seasons of refreshing, and a goodly number out of the great multitude ready to perish, have been redeemed from death to be made Kings and Priests to God. Yet while our population, our wealth and enterprises are increasing, our solid resources developing, and our importance as a State becoming more obvious, comparatively few have been gathered into the churches, many have removed to other portions of the great field, and some have gone up to join the church triumphant. Even the Watchmen are not all with us. Ellis, whose retiring disposition too much concealed his solid worth, and who toiled for near 25 years in the same field, and with many discouragements, a few months since went to his reward. Kimball, a good man, a faithful man and one "who feared God above many," after a long sickness has been called to his rest. And the well known and beloved Freeman, whose voice of wisdom we have so often heard, who was identified with the earlier history of our denomination in the State, who preached the first sermon at the organization of this Conference, and was for fifteen years its Corresponding Secretary, he too has fallen in the field, after a permanent ministry of more than a third of a century.

But we have no time to present all the dark features of our prospect, nor to point to the clouds of mercy that are rising upon us. When we look upward, we have grounds for encouragement and gratitude, but when we look at ourselves we have great cause for sadness and humility.

The most of our statistics cover the period from June to the close of December, 1853. We had then 14 Conferences, 230 churches, and 163 ministers—adding 30 without pastoral charge, and the whole number is 193. There have been added by profession, 293; by letter, 132; dismissed to other churches, 154; deceased, 198; excluded, 24; leaving our total membership, 16,889, which is 389 less than last reported. We are confident that greater care has been used than formerly in correcting the statistics, and it is presumed that all the churches reported, are accurately reported; but from 32 churches, no returns were received.

And now let our 17,000 church members take the stand point of the Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, or the Committee on Home Evangelization, or the Corresponding Secretary, let them become familiar with our broad field, let them see 10,000 men in our pine forests for six months in the year, with hardly the remembrance of a Christian Sabbath, let them pass along one of the most wonderful sea coasts in the world, and behold every creek, bay and river, teeming with an enterprise as vigorous as the oak that builds its vessels, or as the arm that guides them in the storm, but almost all for this world; let them go back from the sea-board and pass through wide districts of moral desolation, where multitudes are bowing at the shrine of mammon and dying without hope; let them survey our most favored localities, and count two thirds of the people habitually estranged from the sanctuary, and one half of our congregations made up of Sabbath School children, and if they have within them the love of Christ and of souls, they will weep over the picture.

Shall not, then, the ministers of these churches, call together their 17,000 members and hold them to the spectacle, till for tears they can see no longer! Shall we not tell them of these wastes, and then point them to the Maine Missionary Society, to the Sabbath School enterprise, to the Education Society, to our Theological Seminary, in a word, to all our instrumentalities, and then ask for their prayers, their toils and their means! And shall we not, with true Christian unity, co-operate with our brethren of other denominations, in supplication and sacrifice, that God may come speedily and restore the captivity of Zion, and save the perishing.

Aroostook Conference contains 11 churches; 138 members, less by 12 than last year. Of these, 15 were non-resident. Eight brethren were laboring in the field, though none are settled as pastors. During the six months reported, 9 have been added by letter. The church in Monticello has merely a nominal existence. These distant and feeble churches call for the sympathies and prayers of the whole Conference, "that the wilderness and the solitary place may be glad for them, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Cumberland Conference stands next alphabetically. Its position is near the other extreme of our State, 250 miles distant. As Aroostook is the weakest, so this is is the strongest in our confederacy of churches. It embraces 33 churches and 26 ministers, of whom 20 are pastors. The State Street church in Portland, has enjoyed the special influences of the Spirit, "doubling their membership." The High Street church also reports "new cases of anxiety and Christian hope at short intervals, for months past, and among them an unusual proportion of young men and lads." Gorham has also been favored with reviving influences, and some 20 have been gathered from the Sabbath School into the church. The churches in Poland and Mechanic Falls have not been without similar blessings.

Eight of these 33 churches are not reported, and the statistics are from the tables of last year. "I have done what I could," says the scribe, "to obtain reports, but without success."

During the six months embraced by the statistics, 63 were added by profession, and 20 by letter; total, 3828, less by 65, than last reported. Donations, $7,061, from twenty-six churches.

Franklin Conference embraces 13 churches and 10 ministers, of whom only 4 are pastors. From the report of the state of religion in this Conference, "it appears that there has been a general dearth of

the Spirit's special influences during the year. A few instances of hopeful conversion, however, have occurred in Temple." Added 14; removed 21; total, 635, which is 95 less, than two years since.

In Hancock Conference there are 11 churches and 6 ministers, of whom only 3 are pastors. Three of the strongest churches are now destitute, but will settle pastors as soon as possible. Six of these churches are self-sustaining. "There have been instances of conversion and addition, but no general revival." While they enjoy external prosperity, the report complains of a fearful apathy in spirituality.

Two pastors have been dismissed, and Rev. Manning Ellis, who labored in the ministry in this county for 25 years, has been called to his rest. He was a good man and died lamented. This report covers the whole year. 13 have been added, and 29 removed; total, 954, of whom 36 are non-residents.

Kennebec Conference embraces 17 churches, and 13 ministers, of whom 8 are pastors. The churches in Albion and Windsor have not reported for some years. The church in Litchfield has settled Rev. Benjamin Smith as pastor. The two churches in Pittston are destitute, though the first church is making an effort to secure preaching. Extensive repairs have been made on the houses of worship in Winslow, Waterville and Augusta; and in Hallowell a new and commodious vestry has been erected. Two of the parishes have increased the salaries of their ministers. The church in Benton is hoping to secure a pastor the whole, instead of half the time. In some of the churches, the mercy of God has been manifest in the conversion of here and there an individual. An experiment has been made to sustain preaching in "Pleasant Valley," in Litchfield, where there is neither church, nor meeting house.

There have been added 34, and removed 28, leaving a total in the churches reported, of 1098, of whom 170 are non-resident, showing a decrease of 17.

Lincoln Conference includes 22 churches and 16 ministers, of whom 11 are pastors. The whole year is reported. "Although our number is less than last year," says the scribe of that Conference, "the state of religion is more flourishing. In each of the churches in Bath, there has been some degree of interest, and several hopeful conversions. Rev. S. R. Tolman, is laboring with acceptance and success as city missionary. It is hoped this movement will result in the foundation of a church in Winnegance, and a third church in Bath. The church in Edgecomb has been afflicted by the removal of their pastor, Rev. Ivory Kimball, who died July 24th, 1853. Of Brother Kimball it may be said as Nehemiah said of Hananiah, "he was a faithful man and feared God above many." In September following, Rev. Elias Wells, a former pastor, died with the armor of a Christian soldier on.

Of the second church in Newcastle, it is reported that the past year has been one of mercies and afflictions. "Of temporal prosperity we have had more than we deserve. Some of the best members of the church have gone to their rest. About the first of April, God appeared in mercy and granted us a precious refreshing. A few have been hopefully converted, but as yet the work seems chiefly within the church, and for many of God's people it has been a blessed work. The church in Wiscasset has been refreshed with the influence of the Holy Spirit. There have been about 25 hopeful conversions." Other churches have been encouraged. Thirty have been added, 35 removed;

total, 2028, of whom 202 are non-resident, showing a decrease of 22, from last year.

Oxford Conference comprises 13 churches and 9 ministers, of whom 3 are settled pastors. This report covers six months, during which, one of these, Rev. F. Dyer, was dismissed, and Rev. J. Dodd has removed from Turner, where he had supplied for six years. The number of settled pastors in the Conference, is believed to be smaller than at any previous period, but it is hoped that this state of things will not long remain. Eleven have been added, and the same number removed; leaving the total, 684, which is 55 less than last reported.

Penobscot Conference comprises 17 churches and 10 ministers, of whom 7 are pastors. Says the report: "Rev. L. Ives Hoadly has been dismissed from his charge in Orono, and Rev. Lewis Goodrich from the church and society in Dedham. Rev. Thomas Smith, of Brewer village, has been laboring as State Agent of the American Bible Society during the past year, and his desk has been supplied from the Theological Seminary. Rev. Israel Hills, who for eight years has been laboring in Dixmont as stated supply and officiating pastor, has left the State, and the church is entirely destitute of preaching."

Rev. S. E. Bixby, has been settled in Kenduskeag, and Rev. G. W. Field, over the 1st church in Brewer. Two houses of worship have been completed and dedicated to the worship of Jehovah, one by the Central church and society in Bangor, and one in Dedham. Four others have been repaired and remodeled at quite a large expense. There have been no revivals of religion, but general harmony and progress have marked the year. There has been more than usual interest in Brewer village, and several conversions; also in Barkerville, near Bangor: interesting cases have occurred in other churches. Mercy drops enough have fallen to prove that the spirit has not wholly departed from us.

Added 42, and removed 43; total, 1331, which is 44 less than reported last year.

In Piscataquis Conference there are 12 churches and 7 ministers, of whom 4 are pastors. The church in Exeter is considered extinct. The churches in Abbot, Milo, and Sebec, exist but little more than in name. A few members reside in each place, principally females, and "the general impression is, that they must give place to other denominations. It is of little use to try to sustain or build them up." The late Conference in this county is spoken of as one of great interest. No special revival has been enjoyed, but a few conversions are reported. Sabbath schools are flourishing; the temperance cause is onward; the tide of benevolence in the churches is steadily increasing, and the brethren are striving to strengthen the things that remain. During the six months reported, 17 were added, and 16 removed; the present number is 597, showing a decrease of 14.

Somerset Conference embraces 14 churches and 10 ministers, of whom only 3 are settled pastors. The church in Flagstaff is reported as probably extinct. During the six months reported, 16 were added, and 11 removed, total, 577, showing a decrease of 11.

There are in Union Conference 13 churches and 10 ministers, of whom 7 are settled Pastors. From the church in S. Bridgton, no report has been received for several years. With this exception, and that of the church in Fryeburg, this Conference in regard to statistics, is carefully reported. Nothing has been communicated on the state of relig-

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Auburn,	May 1, 1841,	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.,			1	1			162	12		100	224
Baldwin,	May, 1821,								*17				
Brunswick,	1747,	George E. Adams, D. D.,	Dec. 30, 1829,	6		1	3		*201	35	4	200	152
Cape Elizabeth,	1734,								36				
Cumberland,	Sept. 1793,	Joseph Blake,	March 3, 1841,	2		1	1		128	18		84	94
Durham,	March 9, 1796,					1	1	1	42	17			4
Falmouth, 1st,	1754,						1		133	10		35	22
Falmouth, 2d,	Sept. 15, 1830,	Isaac Carlton, s. s.,	1853,		2	1			82	19		87	11
Freeport,	Dec. 21, 1839,	Luther Conklin,	Jan. 1, 1852,	1		3	2	1	185	20	13	115	400
Gorham,	April 4, 1756,	John R. Adams,	June 3, 1847,	20	4	2	1		180		11	170	275
Gray,	Oct. 25, 1803,	Allen Lincoln,	Nov. 25, 1845,		1				53	13	5	54	45
Harpswell,	1753,	Elijah Kellogg,	1843,						*61			165	
Lewiston Falls,	1825,	James Drummond,	Oct. 12, 1842,	3	3	3			141	20	5	130	577
Mechanic Falls, (one year,)	Sept. 15, 1842,	Enos Merrill,	Aug. 12, 1847,		3		3		53	10		80	59
Minot,	Sept. 8, 1791,	Elijah Jones,	Feb. 12, 1823,			2	1		152	30		71	73
Minot West,									*28				
New Gloucester,	June 10, 1776,	Joseph P. Drummond, s. s.,	*1853,			7	1		157			126	322
Poland,	Nov. 2, 1825,	Stephen Gould, s. s.,	June, 1847,						*14			50	20
Portland, 2d Church,	Nov. 30, 1788,	John J. Carruthers, D. D.,	Aug. 9, 1846,	4		2	3		361	10		250	850
" 3d "	Sept. 9, 1825,	Wm. T. Dwight, D. D.,	June 6, 1832,	3	1	4	1		246	35	7	153	947
" High Street,	Sept. 9, 1831,	John W. Chickering,	April 2, 1835,	5	3	2	3	1	354	20	2	170	1649
" State Street,	March 17, 1852,	Hugh S. Carpenter,	April 21, 1853,	6	1				75		1	120	300
" Abyssinian,									*39			29	
" Bethel,	Sept. 24, 1840,	J. R. French, s. s.,	May, 1851,						*27			230	
Pownal,	March 20, 1811,	Edwin A. Buck, s. s.,	1853,	2					122	30	2	126	41
Raymond,	Nov. 1813,								*10				
Scarborough,†	June 26, 1728,	J. B. Thornton, Jr.,	June 4, 1851,	2	1	6	3	1	105	12	3	75	165
Standish,	Oct. 1768,	James B. Hadley,	July 2, 1851,	5		3	1		93	1	3	52	62
Westbrook, 1st,	April 8, 1765,	Calvin N. Ransom, ss.	Nov. 1, 1853,			1	1		57	14		60	12
Westbrook, 2d, (Sacarappa,)	Jan. 17, 1832,	John L. Ashby,	Nov. 13, 1851,	2		2	1		115	30		70	25
Windham,	Dec. 1743,	John Perham,	Jan. 21, 1851,	1		1			50	12		100	99
Yarmouth,	Nov. 18, 1730,	Edmund K. Alden,	Jan. 2, 1850,	1		6	4	2	240	26	1	235	330
N. Yarmouth,	Oct. 1, 1806,	Caleb Hobart,	Dec. 3, 1834,						*97			111	127

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Hodgdon, Sept. 25, 1845,	Rufus W. Emerson, s. s., 1851,			1			13			74	
Houlton, Jan. 24, 1833,	C. P. Felch, s. s., July 1, 1853,				1		11	1		75	13
Letter F, March 15,1848,	E. Knight, s. s., Oct. 1, 1852,						4	1		40	
Lincoln, May 3, 1831,	A. J. Bates, s. s., Sept. 24, 1847,						25	9		62	16
Monticello, Jan. 25, 1833,											
Passadumkeag, March 2, 1845,	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s., Sept. 1, 1851,						9			52	16
Patten, March 1, 1840,	E. Fobes, s. s., 1853,			1	2		20	2		50	1
Salmon Brook, 1845,	E. Knight, s. s., Oct. 1, 1851,		2				10	2		60	3
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FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

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Chesterville,	Feb. 25,	1790,	John Furbush, s. s.,		1853,	3		4			48	18			22
Farmington,	Dec. 14,	1814,	Isaac Rogers,	March 9,	1826,	1		5	3		107	14	6		56
Fayette,											17	4			
Industry,		1802,	M. Hopkins, s. s.,		1853,						67				
Kingfield,											*10				
New Portland,			Samuel L. Gould, s. s.		1852,						15				
New Sharon,	Feb. 9,	1801,	Leonard W. Harris, s. s.		1853,						*100				
New Vineyard,	Sept. 3,	1828,	David Turner,	Sept. 23,	1832,						*39				
Phillips,		1817,	Samuel L. Gould, s. s.		1852,						42	20	3		5
Strong,	March,	1810,	William Davenport,	May 5,	1853,	3	1	2			64			80	40
Temple,		1806,	Simeon Hacket, s. s.		1851,	3		5	2		70	28			20
Weld,		1809,	John B. Wheelwright,		1850,						36			130	34
Wilton,		1818,	Alpha Morton, s. s.		1853,		3				20			40	12
THIRTEEN.			TEN.			10	4	16	5		635	84	9	220	$189

Meeting at Farmington Falls June 13, 14. Sermons by Rev. L. W. Harris, 1 Cor. 15 : 25; Rev. J. B. Wheelwright; and Rev. Wm. Davenport, 2 Cor. 5 : 14.

Topics for remark, "Revivals of Religion," "their importance—hindrances—the best way to promote them,"—Claims of the Maine Law—of Home Missions—of Sabbath Schools—Relations of the church to the country,"—Slavery, the Fugitive Law and the Nebraska Bill, were not omitted.

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ion. During the six months of this report, 42 were added, and 12 removed. The present number is 1107, larger by 94, than last reported.

Waldo Conference embraces 11 churches, and 8 ministers, 6 of whom are pastors. Added 24, removed 22, leaving a total of 819. Non-residents, 134. Nothing of interest is reported for the six months closing with December last. Since that time, there has been some degree of interest in the town of Searsport, and indications of good in some other places. A church has lately been organized in Rockport, which is not a town, but a post village in the town of Camden.

Washington County contains 17 churches, and 9 ministers, 4 of whom are settled pastors. Seven of these churches are not reported, though the Scribe had written and re-written for that object. Six of them at least were not reported last year; and it is possible, that as in some other cases, they have ceased to be. The tables of last year have been used, which give the whole number in these churches, 1003. During the half year reported, 43 were added, and 17 removed, and still there are 49 less than before reported. It is most probable, that a careful examination will show a still greater diminution. Nothing is communicated on the state of religion.

"York Conference consists of 26 churches, and 27 congregations, 13 of which have pastors, 7 stated, and 1 occasional supply, and 5 are destitute. During the six months now reported, one stated supply has changed his field, and two have entered upon others. One pastor has been dismissed, one compelled to suspend his labors from failure of health, and one has died.

"Our well known and esteemed brother, Charles Freeman, is no longer with us. In the same field which he entered with the dew of his youth, there he fell in his armor, having retained the pastoral relation more than one third of a century, longer than any other pastor of our denomination in the State. At his lamented death, not only his church, but many of his brethren in the ministry can hardly forbear to exclaim, 'My Father, my Father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!'

"Hopeful indications appear in some of our congregations, and the church in Lyman is enjoying a pleasant revival. From 20 to 30 rejoice in hope."

Added, 47; removed, 37; total, 2090; non-resident, 296; baptisms, 61; in 21 Sabbath Schools, 1646; from 22 churches, donations, $1615.

NOTE.—The diminution of members in the churches will strike the mind of every Christian with sorrow, and perhaps with surprise. But it is true not only of the churches in Maine, but throughout New England. The causes with us are various.

1. The churches have been more carefully reported, and the removals have been stricken from the list, and not counted as before.

2. For a long time there has been a great dearth of revivals.

3. Small churches that were formed a few years ago in neighborhoods blessed with the outpouring of the Spirit, have become greatly reduced by removals. Our hard climate, failure of crops, and the hope of bettering their condition, have scattered our members Westward, to the very shores of the Pacific.

4. It may be in some cases, that only the resident members have been reported, whereas the non-residents are members, and should in all cases be included in the aggregate.

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ORGANIZATION.	MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		Admissions.		Removals.		
			Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.
Sept. 1803.							
	Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.						
October, 1794.	Edwin B. Webb,	Sept. 11, 1850.	3	3	1	1	
	J. M Palmer, s. s.	Sept. 1853.					
July 28, 1835	William L. Hyde,	May 17, 1849.		2		2	
March 15. 1791.	John P. Skeele	Oct. 9, 1850.	3		3		

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MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

H. H. Boody,	Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Caleb Bradley,		Westbrook.
James Carruthers,,		Portland.
Asa Cummings, D. D.	Editor of Christian Mirror,	Portland.
Roswell D. Hitchcock,	Collins Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Thomas Jameson,		Gorham,
Henry A. Merrill,		Windham.
Alpheus S. Packard,	Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
William Smyth,	Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Samuel Stone,		Falmouth.
Henry G. Storer,		Scarborough.
J. W. Turner,	District Secretary Am. Tract Society,	Portland.
Thomas C. Upham,	Prof. Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
James Weston,		Standish.
Leonard Woods, jr., D. D.,	President Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.

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Phillips, 1817,	Samuel L. Gould, s. s. 1852,						42	20	3		5
Strong, March, 1810,	William Davenport, May 5, 1833,	3	1	2			64			80	40
Temple, 1806,	Simeon Hacket, s. s. 1851,	3		5	2		70	28			20
Weld, 1809,	John B. Wheelwright, 1850,						36			150	34
Wilton, 1818,	Alpha Morton, s. s. 1853,		3				29			40	12
THIRTEEN.	TEN.	10	4	16	5		635	84	9	220	$189

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Deer Isle,		1773.	William V. Jordan, s. s.		1852.	4		5			188	1	5	100	44
Ellsworth,	Sept. 8,	1812.	Sewall Tenney,	Nov. 11,	1835.		1	1			197			150	345
Orland,	Sept. 25,	1850.	Hiram Houston,	Sept. 25,	1850.		2				31			75	102
Sedgwick and Brooksville,	July 8,	1795.						1			44			75	
Sedgwick village,	Oct. 28,	1847.	Lewis Goodrich, s. s.		1853.						32			75	
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ion. During the six months of this report, 42 were added, and 12 removed. The present number is 1107, larger by 94, than last reported.

Waldo Conference embraces 11 churches, and 8 ministers, 6 of whom are pastors. Added 24, removed 22, leaving a total of 819. Non-residents, 134. Nothing of interest is reported for the six months closing with December last. Since that time, there has been some degree of interest in the town of Searsport, and indications of good in some other places. A church has lately been organized in Rockport, which is not a town, but a post village in the town of Camden.

Washington County contains 17 churches, and 9 ministers, 4 of whom are settled pastors. Seven of these churches are not reported, though the Scribe had written and re-written for that object. Six of them at least were not reported last year; and it is possible, that as in some other cases, they have ceased to be. The tables of last year have been used, which give the whole number in these churches, 1003. During the half year reported, 43 were added, and 17 removed, and still there are 49 less than before reported. It is most probable, that a careful examination will show a still greater diminution. Nothing is communicated on the state of religion.

"York Conference consists of 26 churches, and 27 congregations, 13 of which have pastors, 7 stated, and 1 occasional supply, and 5 are destitute. During the six months now reported, one stated supply has changed his field, and two have entered upon others. One pastor has been dismissed, one compelled to suspend his labors from failure of health, and one has died.

"Our well known and esteemed brother, Charles Freeman, is no longer with us. In the same field which he entered with the dew of his youth, there he fell in his armor, having retained the pastoral relation more than one third of a century, longer than any other pastor of our denomination in the State. At his lamented death, not only his church, but many of his brethren in the ministry can hardly forbear to exclaim, 'My Father, my Father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!'

"Hopeful indications appear in some of our congregations, and the church in Lyman is enjoying a pleasant revival. From 20 to 30 rejoice in hope."

Added, 47; removed, 37; total, 2090; non-resident, 296; baptisms, 61; in 21 Sabbath Schools, 1646; from 22 churches, donations, $1615.

NOTE.—The diminution of members in the churches will strike the mind of every Christian with sorrow, and perhaps with surprise. But it is true not only of the churches in Maine, but throughout New England. The causes with us are various.

1. The churches have been more carefully reported, and the removals have been stricken from the list, and not counted as before.

2. For a long time there has been a great dearth of revivals.

3. Small churches that were formed a few years ago in neighborhoods blessed with the outpouring of the Spirit, have become greatly reduced by removals. Our hard climate, failure of crops, and the hope of bettering their condition, have scattered our members Westward, to the very shores of the Pacific.

4. It may be in some cases, that only the resident members have been reported, whereas the non-residents are members, and should in all cases be included in the aggregate.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

These Reports embrace a period of six months, ending Dec. 31, 1853, with the exception of the returns from Franklin, Hancock and Lincoln Conferences, which are made up for the year ending June 1, 1854.

The Donations, where not returned by the clerks of churches, are taken from the public acknowledgments of the Treasurers of the several benevolent societies, during the six months above mentioned. The cents are omitted.

S. S. SIGNIFIES STATED SUPPLY. * AS REPORTED LAST YEAR.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting third Wednesday of January. Semi-Annual Meeting third Wednesday of June, unless otherwise directed by Conference.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	The Post-Office address of Ministers, will be found at the end of these tables. MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.	Admissions. Prof.	Admissions. Letter.	Removals. Deaths.	Removals. Dismis.	Removals. Excom.	Total No. of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
Burlington, July 12, 1827,	J. E. M. Wright, s. s., Oct 1, 1852,		3				15		1	111	13
Fort Fairfield, June, 1844,	E. Knight, s. s , Oct. 1, 1852,		4				13		2	65	7
Hodgdon, Sept. 25, 1845,	Rufus W. Emerson, s. s., 1851,			1			13			74	
Houlton, Jan. 24, 1833,	C. P. Felch, s. s., July 1, 1853,				1		11	1		75	13
Letter F, March 15,1848,	E. Knight, s. s., Oct. 1, 1852,						4	1		40	
Lincoln, May 3, 1831,	A. J. Bates, s. s., Sept. 24, 1847,						25	9		62	16
Monticello, Jan. 25, 1833,											
Passadumkeag, March 2, 1845,	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s., Sept. 1, 1851,						9			52	16
Patten, March 1, 1840,	E. Fobes, s. s., 1853,			1	2		20	2		50	1
Salmon Brook, 1845,	E. Knight, s. s., Oct. 1, 1851,		2				10	2		60	3
Springfield, Carroll and Lee, March 15,1846,	N. W. Sheldon, s. s., 1853,						18			70	32 18
ELEVEN.	EIGHT.		9	2	3		†138	15	3	659	$ 119

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, Missionary, No. 11, Aroostook. Rev. C. J. Lawton, without Pastoral charge, Passadumkeag. †Males 48, Females 90.

Annual Meeting held at Burlington, June 24 and 25, 1854. Sermons by Rev. A. J. Bates, and Rev. Samuel Souther, Agent Am. S.S. U. Missions &c. discussed. Next meeting at Lincoln, January 17, 1855. Rev. E. Knight, Moderator—Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Scribe and Treasurer.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting Tues. next preceding 2d Wed. in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Tues. next preceding 2d Wed. in Jan.

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Auburn,	May 1, 1844,	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.,			1	1			162	12		100	224
Baldwin,	May, 1821,								*17				
Brunswick,	1747,	George E. Adams, D. D.,	Dec. 30, 1829,	6		1	3		*204	35	4	200	152
Cape Elizabeth,	1734,								36				
Cumberland,	Sept. 1793,	Joseph Blake,	March 3, 1841,	2		1	1		128	18		84	94
Durham,	March 9, 1796,					1	1	1	42	17			4
Falmouth, 1st,	1754,						1		133	10		35	22
Falmouth, 2d,	Sept. 15, 1830,	Isaac Carlton, s. s.,	1853,		2	1			82	19		67	11
Freeport,	Dec. 21, 1839,	Luther Conklin,	Jan. 1, 1852,	1		3	2	1	185	20	13	115	400
Gorham,	April 4, 1756,	John R. Adams,	June 3, 1847,	20	4	2	1		180		14	170	275
Gray,	Oct. 25, 1803,	Allen Lincoln,	Nov. 25, 1845,		1				53	13	5	84	45
Harpswell,	1753,	Elijah Kellogg,	1843,						*61			105	
Lewiston Falls,	1825,	James Drummond,	Oct. 12, 1842,	3	3	3	3		141	20	5	130	577
Mechanic Falls, (one year,)	Sept. 15, 1842,	Enos Merrill,	Aug. 12, 1847,		3		3		53	10		80	59
Minot,	Sept. 8, 1791,	Elijah Jones,	Feb. 12, 1823,			2	1		152	30		71	73
Minot West,									*28				
New Gloucester,	June 10, 1776,	Joseph P. Drummond, s. s.,	*1853,			7	1		157			126	322
Poland,	Nov. 2, 1825,	Stephen Gould, s. s.,	June, 1847,						*44			50	20
Portland, 2d Church,	Nov. 30, 1788,	John J. Carruthers, D. D.,	Aug. 9, 1846,	4		2	3		361	10		250	850
" 3d "	Sept. 9, 1825,	Wm. T. Dwight, D. D.,	June 6, 1832,	3	1	4	1		216	35	7	153	987
" High Street,	Sept. 9, 1831,	John W. Chickering,	April 2, 1835,	5	3	2	3	1	354	20	2	170	1649
" State Street,	March 17, 1852,	Hugh S. Carpenter,	April 21, 1853,	6	1				75		1	120	300
" Abyssinian,									*39			29	
" Bethel,	Sept. 24, 1840,	J. R. French, s. s.,	May, 1851,						*27			230	
Pownal,	March 20, 1811,	Edwin A. Buck, s. s.,	1853,	2					122	30	2	126	41
Raymond,	Nov. 1813,								*10				
Scarborough,†	June 26, 1728,	J. B. Thornton, Jr.,	June 4, 1851,	2	1	6	3	1	105	12	3	75	165
Standish,	Oct. 1768,	James B. Hadley,	July 2, 1851,	5		3	1		63	1	3	52	62
Westbrook, 1st,	April 8, 1765,	Calvin N. Ransom, ss.	Nov. 1, 1853,			1	1		57	14		60	12
Westbrook, 2d, (Sacarappa,)	Jan. 17, 1832,	John L. Ashby,	Nov. 13, 1851,	2		2	1		115	30		70	25
Windham,	Dec. 1743,	John Perham,	Jan. 21, 1851,	1		1			59	12		100	20
Yarmouth,	Nov. 18, 1730,	Edmund K. Alden,	Jan. 2, 1850,	1		6	4	2	240	26	1	225	536
N. Yarmouth,	Oct. 1, 1800,	Caleb Hobart,	Dec. 3, 1832,						*97			111	127
THIRTY-THREE.		TWENTY-SIX.		63	20	49	34	6	3928	394	60	3238	$7061

† Since the last report of this Church, (1851,) 34 have been added—30 on profession, 4 by letter. Males 1182, Females 2640.—3828.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.—Continued.

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James Carruthers,,		Portland.
Asa Cummings, D. D.	Editor of Christian Mirror,	Portland.
Roswell D. Hitchcock,	Collins Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Thomas Jameson,		Gorham,
Henry A. Merrill,		Windham.
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Samuel Stone,		Falmouth.
Henry G. Storer,		Scarborough.
J. W. Turner,	District Secretary Am. Tract Society,	Portland.
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Albion, Sept. 1803.												
Augusta, North,	Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.							*30				4
" South, October, 1794.	Edwin B. Webb,	Sept. 11, 1850.	3	3				238	39		300	1402
Benton,	J. M Palmer, s. s.	Sept. 1853.						19				
Gardiner, July 28, 1835	William L. Hyde,	May 17, 1849.		2		2		73	8	1	103	91
Hallowell, March 15, 1791.	John P. Skeele,	Oct. 9, 1850.	3			6		188	44		150	300
Litchfield, June 6, 1811.	Benjamin Smith,	Aug. 2, 1853.	11	2		1		61	9	2	50	29
Monmouth, May 17, 1853	Joseph H. Conant, s. s.	May 22, 1852.	6	2				29		5	26	12
Pittston, 1st, Nov. 17, 1812	Joshua S. Gay,†	Jan. 7, 1852.						44	15		40	8
" 2d, Nov. 22, 1849	do.	do.										
Richmond, Feb. 8, 1827	Pliny F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847.				2		30	2	1	80	70
Sidney, 1831	Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.							14	1		100	1
Vassalboro', July 28, 1818	David Thurston, s. s.	Oct 19, 1851.		2				33	9		25	70
Waterville, Aug. 21, 1828	Richard B. Thurston,	Nov. 11, 1846.						71	23		80	23
Windsor, 1820								*28				
Winslow, Aug. 27, 1828	David Shepley, s. s.	Sept. 1, 1851.			2			70	20		90	34
Winthrop, Sept. 4, 1776.	Rufus M. Sawyer,	Oct. 14, 1851.			4	1		155		1	140	112
SEVENTEEN.	THIRTEEN.		23	11	13	13	2	1098	170	§10	1184	$2156

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Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Secretary Maine Missionary Society, Augusta.

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Next meeting in Winthrop, January 23, 1855.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting Tuesday, preceding second Wednesday of June.

Alna,	Sept. 27, 1796.	Samuel Talbot,	Oct. 5,	1842.			1	1			90	20		50	39
Bath, Winter street,	Dec. 8, 1795.	John O. Fiske,	Aug 17,	1843.	1	2	1	4	1	218	14	9	215	1866
" Central church,	1835.	E. Whittlesey,	Oct. 1,	1851.		8	3	1	1	122	10	1	145	1343
Boothbay, first,	1767.	J. Adams, s. s.		1852.						*100				12
" Harbor,	June 13, 1849.									*50				
Bremen,	March, 1839.	David Cushman, s. s.		1850.						15			90	
Bristol,	1765.	C. Morgridge, s. s.		1850.						*59				29
Edgecomb,	June 4, 1783.				4			1		97	24	6	63	
Jefferson,										*9				
Lisbon,	Dec. 1839.									20				
Newcastle, first,	Oct 4, 1797.	David Cushman, s. s.		1845.						*46				3
" second,	May 22, 1844.	Elbridge G. Carpenter,	Oct. 8,	1851.	1		3			119	6		75	135
Phipsburg and Georgetown,	July 1, 1765.	Samuel S. Drake,	Feb. 19,	1851.			3	2	1	210	76		75	40
Rockland,	March 8, 1838.	Samuel C. Fessenden,	May 30,	1838.	1	6		1		77	5	1	120	49
Thomaston,	June 15, 1809.	Richard Woodhull,	July 7,	1830.	3	2	1	2		103	18	2	50	58
Topsham,	1789	John Wilde,	Jan'y 1,	1853.			1	1		100	3	1	50	40
Union,	1803	D. F. Potter,		1851.						*74			106	43
Waldoboro',	Aug. 1807.	†								*193			200	234
Warren,	Feb. 27, 1828.	Crosby H. Wheeler,	Dec. 29,	1852.			1			120	14	2	120	51
Wiscasset,	Oct. 29. 1828.	Uriah Balkham,	Jan. 22,	1845.	1		4			109				39
Woolwich,	June 12, 1765.								2	56	3	1	80	75
Washington,	1812.									41	9			
TWENTY-TWO.		SIXTEEN.			11	19	18	12	5	2026	202	23	1439	$4056

† Harvey M. Stone, s. s May, 1854.

Alden B. Boynton, John Boynton, Wiscasset; John W. Ellingwood, D.D., S. R. Tolman, City Missionary, Bath.

At the annual meeting held with the Winter street Church, Bath, June 13, 14, Sermons were preached by Rev. Prof. Hitchcock, Eph. 1 : 22, 23, and Rev. C. H. Wheeler, 1 Cor. 6 : 20.

Subjects discussed. "What can be done for the unevangelized portion of our population?" "Ministerial Education." "The duties of all members of the Church in making known and advocating the gospel." "The mission of the church, in relation to civil affairs and moral reforms." "Christian benevolence." "The value of being connected with the church." "Infant baptism."

Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., Moderator. Rev. S. S. Drake, Scribe.

Next meeting in Newcastle, 2d Church, June 12, 13, 1855.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting 2d Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, 4th Tuesday in January.

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Hallowell, March 15, 1791.	John P. Skeele,	Oct. 9, 1850.	3		2	6	1	188	44		150	300
Litchfield, June 6, 1811.	Benjamin Smith,	Aug. 2, 1853.	11	2	1	1		61	9	2	50	29
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Pittston, 1st, Nov. 17, 1812.	Joshua S. Gay,†	Jan. 7, 1852.			1			44	15		40	8
" 2d, Nov. 22, 1849	do.	do.						15				
Richmond, Feb. 8, 1827	Pliny F. Barnard,	Jan. 14, 1847.				2		30	2	1	80	70
Sidney, 1831	Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.								1		100	1
Vassalboro', July 28, 1818	David Thurston, s. s.	Oct 19, 1851.		2				33	9		25	70
Waterville, Aug. 21, 1828	Richard B. Thurston,	Nov. 11, 1846.						7	23		80	23
Windsor, 1820								*28				
Winslow, Aug. 27, 1828	David Shepley, s. s.	Sept. 1, 1851.						70	20		90	34
Winthrop, Sept. 4, 1776.	Rufus M. Sawyer,	Oct. 14, 1851.			4	1		155		1	140	112
SEVENTEEN.	THIRTEEN.		23	11	13	13	2	1098	170	§10	1184	‡2156

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Next meeting in Winthrop, January 23, 1855.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting 2d Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting 2d Tuesday in January.

Bangor, 1st ch.	Nov. 27,	1811.	George B. Little,	Oct. 11,	1849.	2		2	4	2	306	72	2	200	1420
" Hammond street,	Dec. 5,	1833.	John Maltby,	July 23,	1834.	2	1	2	21		244	39	7	350	800
" Central,	April 1,	1847	George Shepard, D. D. s. s.	April 1,	1847.		5	1	4		148	11	2	332	623
Brewer, 1st church,	Sept. 9,	1800.	George W. Field,	Nov. 24,	1853.						100	15	1	120	180
" Village,	Jan. 18,	1843.	Thomas Smith, jr.†	Jan. 21,	1846.	5					43	3	1	122	38
Carmel,	May 5,	1853.									13	1		60	10
Corinna,		1841.									*12			35	
Dedham,	Dec. 23,	1841.	Edward S. Palmer, s. s.		1854.						41	12		70	40
Dixmont,	Nov. 1,	1807.									16	3		54	125
Glenburn,		1839.									*14			23	6
Hampden,	May 5,	1817.	Javan K. Mason,	Jan. 18,	1849.			1	1		87	14	1	152	50
Holden,	Nov. 11,	1828.	Enoch Pond, D. D., s. s.			11			1		92	18	3	125	45
Kenduskeag,	Dec. 23,	1834	S. E. Bixby,	July 1,	1853.	10	6	3			66	20	5	75	74
Oldtown,	Sept. 24,	1834	S. H. Merrill,	Jan'y 5,	1848.						35	12		106	16
Orono,	May 18,	1826.							1		32	11		92	34
Orrington,	June 12,	1834.	Franklin Davis, s. s.	Sept. 2,	1849.						58	9		45	27
Veazie,	June 19,	1838.									24	10		52	
SEVENTEEN.			TEN.			30	12	9	32	2	1331	250	§22	2013	$3488

† Agent American Bible Society. ‡ Males 466. Females 865—1331. § Adults 11. Infants 11.

Enoch Pond, D. D., George Shepard, D. D, Daniel Talcott Smith, D. D., Professors in Theological Seminary, Bangor. James Wells, City Missionary, Bangor.

Annual Meeting in Holden, June 13, 14. Sermon (at the re-consecration of the Church Edifice,) by Dr. Pond. Mark 16 : 15. Conference Sermon by Prof. Shepard. Rom. 1 : 1—4, and 2 Cor. 5 : 14, 15.

Subjects discussed. "Non-attendance on Public Worship." "Sabbath Schools," &c.

Rev. John Maltby, Moderator. Rev. Geo. B. Little, Scribe. Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, Treasurer.

Next Meeting in Dedham, January 9, 10, 1855.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting 1st Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting 3d Tuesday in October.

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Andover,	Nov. 8, 1800.	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851.	1		1			42	8	4	110	25
Bethel, 1st ch.	Oct. 7, 1799.								86	22		125	25
" 2d ch.	Jan. 31, 1849.	David Garland,	Aug. 15, 1849.						45	3	3	105	39
Dixfield,	May 8, 1806.	M. Gould, s. s.	2 1-4 months, 1853.			1			24	9		70	5
Gilead,	May 30, 1818.	Daniel Goodhue, s. s.	1853.						18	5		60	15
Norway, 1st ch.	Oct. 6, 1802.	H. W. Strong, s. s.	1850.				1		59	9		50	4
" 2d ch.	Jan. 15, 1853.	A. S. Loring, s. s.	1852.		3				35	1		60	9
Oxford,	May 31, 1826.	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s. s.	1853.	1		1			44	14	1	60	7
Paris, South,	Nov. 4, 1812.	Daniel Sewall,	1853.	1	5	1	2	3	124	30	3	106	50
Rumford,	Aug. 5, 1833.					1			50	24			2
Shelburne, N. H.		Daniel Goodhue, s. s.							4	4		50	10
Sumner,	Sept. 9, 1802.	Benj. G. Willey, s. s.	1851.						*82			101	15
Turner,	Aug 16, 1784.	John Dodd,†	Nov. 1847						78	10	1	60	40
THIRTEEN.		NINE.		3	8	5	3	3	‡684	138	§12	957	$246

† Harrison. ‡ Males 214. Females 470. § Adults 2. Infants 10.

Annual Meeting at Rumford, June 6, 7, 1854. Sermons by Rev. Daniel Goodhue, Lam. 3 : 39, and Rev. M. Gould, Matt. 6, 10.

Subjects discussed. "How may the public means of grace be rendered more efficient?" 1. By a higher appreciation, and better improvement of them. 2. By union and co-operation of Christians with them. 3. By seeking the divine blessing upon them. 4. By a permanent ministry."—Claims of the Sabbath School, a prominent topic.

Moderator, Rev. B. G. Willey, of Sumner. Rev. M. Gould, Scribe.

Next meeting with 1st Church Bethel, Oct. 17, 1854.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, time fixed by Committee of Arrangements.

Anson,			T. G. Mitchell, s s	1-4 time,	Nov.	1851,						42	22	40	12
Athens,												3	2		
Bingham,	July 24,	1805,	S. Turner,		January 6,	1847,						59	18	*80	6
Bloomfield,	November 18,	1801,	Geo. W. Hathaway,		March 20,	1833,	1		1			94	17	167	50
Cornville,			G. W. Fargo, s s	half time,		1847,						8	2		
Fairfield,	May,	1815,	James M. Palmer, s s	half time,	Sept.	1853,			1			14	1		
Flagstaff,												*37			
Madison,	April 25,	1826,	Thomas G. Mitchell, s s	3-4 time,	Sept.	1851,						33	8	150	10
Mercer,	October 30,	1822,	E. S. Hopkins, s s	half time,		1853,			1	1		49	14		10
Norridgewock,	September 22,	1797,	H. S. Downs,		September 29,	1852,	13	2	2	2		104	15	190	209
Skowhegan,	December 6,	1841,	Alpha Morton, s s	half time,	May,	1853,						22	6	100	27
Solon Village,	January 25,	1842,	S. Turner, s s	1-4 time,	September 13,	1847,			1			9		60	5
" South	September 30,	1806,	A. Morton, s s	half time,	May,	1853,						49	8	50	17
St. Albans,	June 29,	1830,	P. B. Thayer, s s	1-4 time,		1849,			1	1		54	15	75	
	FOURTEEN.			TEN.			14	2	7	4		†577	‡198	915	$346
											16				

† Males 216. Females 361. ‡ Adults 7. Infants 9.

At the annual meeting in Madison, June 13, 1854, Sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Tappan, Acts 1 : 14; Rev. Mr. Curtis from the Parable of *The Great Supper;* and Rev. J. Dinsmore of North Hampton, N. H., Rom. 14 : 7.

Question introduced for discussion was "What is there peculiar to the christian character that distinguishes its possessor from other men."

"The iniquity recently set in motion by Diabolus, seconded by Douglas, and perpetrated by Congress, was not forgotten." The voice and influence of this Conference, was declared against it.

Rev. H. S. Downes, of Norridgewock, Scribe. C. R. Vaughn, Treasurer.

Next Annual Meeting in Norridgewock, June 12, 1855.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting Tuesday preceding third Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting third Tuesday in December.

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			Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excom.					
Abbot, Feb. 2, 1841								11	7			2
Atkinson, March 2, 1842.								31	3		50	14
Blanchard, March 12, 1833.	John A. Perry, s s	1850						54	17		60	28
Bradford, March 21, 1838.	Solomon E. Bixby, s s	1852	6					31	4	5	40	19
Brownville, August 24, 1819.	William S. Sewall,	September 25, 1839	4	1	3			95	10	1	75	104
Dexter, July 22, 1834.	Philip Titcomb, s s	1852	1		3			52	11		50	14
Foxcroft and Dover, December 30, 1822.	Wooster Parker,	November 9, 1842		3	2	2		139	25		110	86
Garland, March, 1810.	Peter B. Thayer,	December 21, 1848		2	2			62	12		100	10
Milo,								7				
Monson, August 11, 1821.	Horatio Ilsley,	October 13, 1841			1	1		81	22		60	30
Sangerville, August 28, 1828.								25	7		50	3
Sebec,								9	2			
TWELVE.	SEVEN.		11	6	12	3		†597	120	6	595	$310

† Males 219. Females 378.

Ministers without Pastoral Charge—John Sawyer, Garland; Henry White, Foxcroft.

Annual Meeting at Bradford, June 20, 21. Sermons by Rev. A. J. Bates, delegate from Aroostook Conference, Luke 19 : 5. Rev. Thomas Smith, Agt. Am. Bible Society, Psalms 11 : 3, and Rev. P. B. Thayer.

Subjects for Discussion—"Public Worship." "Sabbath Schools." "Slavery." "Missions."

Resolutions were passed deprecating the faithlessness, recklessness, and power of slavery in the nation, and urging to "uncompromising and untiring efforts to resist its aggressions."

Dea. Stephen Smith, Moderator. Rev. H. Ilsley, Scribe and Treasurer.

Next meeting in Dexter, Dec. 19, 1854.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting second Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting usually in October, sometimes in January.

Belfast, 1st,	Dec. 29,	1796.	Edward F. Cutter,	Sept. 23,	1846.	6	3	3	6	1	130	22	3	100	200
" North,	Sept. 24,	1846.	Joseph R. Munsell,	Sept. 22,	1852.	1		2			49	4	4	120	95
Camden,	Sept. 11,	1805.	Benjamin C. Chase,	Jan. 8,	1849.			2			128	18	3	175	236
Frankfort, 1st,	Sept. 7,	1820.	Stephen H. Hayes,	Aug. 20,	1844.						68	12		100	30
" 2d,	Nov. 18,	1851.	Alfred L. Skinner, s. s.		1853.						14	4	1	75	17
Jackson and Brooks,	Oct. 6,	1812.									41	20		70	14
Prospect,	Oct. 16,	1839,	Joseph Freeman,	March 18,	1846.	14		1			69	7	11	88	59
Searsport,	Oct. 4,	1815,	Stephen Thurston,	Aug. 9,	1826.			1	2	2	251	41	8	150	388
Swanville,	June 1,	1826.						2			17	11			38
Thorndike,	Sept. 16,	1834.									25	12			7
Unity,	Dec.	1804.	Nathaniel Chapman, s. s.								33	5		60	15
ELEVEN.			EIGHT.			21	3	11	8	3	†819	156	‡30	938	$1098

† Males 266. Females 553. ‡ Adults 8. Infants 22.

A church in Rockport, (Camden,) was organized June 12, 1854. J. B. Howard, s. s.

Annual Meeting at Camden, June 13, 14. Sermons by Rev. J. R. Munsell, from Rom. 1:16, and Rev. S. H. Hayes, from John 15:14. Activity in his cause, the test of friendship to Christ.

Subjects discussed—"Family Religion." "Sabbath Schools." "Social Meetings." "Missions," &c. "Our Country."

Resolution passed by this body, calling upon the churches and upon the ministry to put forth their united efforts to stay the destruction which seems to threaten our free institutions.

Rev. J. R. Munsell, Moderator. Rev. B. C. Chase, of Camden, Scribe and Treasurer.

Next meeting in Prospect, October 16, 17, 1854.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting Tuesday before fourth Wednesday in December. Semi-Annual Meeting Tuesday before fourth Wednesday in June.

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Albany, Sept. 15, 1803,	Isaac Weston, s. s.						72	16	2	100	2
Bridgton, Aug. 26, 1784,	Josiah T. Hawes, Feb. 1851,	5	2	3	2		71	17	5	50	50
" North, Nov. 16, 1833,	H. Wellington, s. s. 1852.		2				49	11	3	62	19
" South, Dec. 30, 1829,	J. P. Tenenlen, Dec. 30, 1829						*49	10		50	
Brownfield, Oct. 1804,	David Gerry, Dec. 25, 1839,						37	5	1	40	18
Denmark, Aug. 1775,					1		35	8		40	
Fryeburg, Aug. 1775,	Carlton Hurd, Sept. 17, 1823,						*190			*190	83
Harrison, Feb. 15, 1826,						2	92	30			
Hiram, Oct. 25, 1826,	David Gerry, Dec. 25, 1839,						16	1		70	21
Lovel, Oct. 6, 1798,	Joseph Smith, Aug. 6, 1853,	14	3				85	15	7	100	26
Otisfield, Nov. 23, 1797,	J. P. Richardson, Oct. 22, 1833,	12		2	2		156	50		150	26
Lincoln, Nov. 4, 1817,	M. Emerson, s. s.	3					48	8	1	40	20
Waterford, Oct. 2, 1799,	J. A. Douglass, Nov. 7, 1821,		1				207	32		200	30
THIRTEEN.	TEN.	34	8	6	6		†107	203	‡19	1092	$295

† Males 416. Females 691.—1107. ‡ Adults 8. Infants 11.

Without Pastoral charge, Rev. Lincoln Ripley, Waterford; Rev. Samuel Souther, jr., Agent American Sabbath School Union, Fryeburg.

Annual Meeting at Bridgton Centre, June 20, 21.

Sermons by Rev. H. Wellington, from Job 22; 21, and Rev. Mr. Perkins of Cornish, from Jer. 8 : 22.

Subjects for discussion, "What is implied in being a Christian." "What are some of the duties which the Christian owes (1) to himself, (2) to his family and friends, (3) the church, (4) Sabbath Schools, (5) Missions, (6) Temperance cause, (7) Anti-Slavery cause.

Dea. Hancock of Otisfield, Moderator. Rev. H. Wellington, Scribe.

Next meeting of Conference at North Bridgton.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting first Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting Tuesday succeeding first Wednesday in October.

Acton,	September 18,	1781.								64	17		55	$17
Alfred,	September,	1791.	John Orr,	May 7,	1846.	5	1		1	111	17	2	80	25
Biddeford, 1st,	April 30,	1730.	Levi Loring, s. s.	July,	1851.				3	78	6		50	9
" 2d.	March 1,	1805.	Samuel M. Gould,	Jan'y 6,	1853	10	6			173	17	16	150	210
Buxton,	March 2,	1763.	Joseph Bartlett,	October 7,	1847.	3		3	1	71		6	65	8
" North Congregation,		1663.	George W. Cressey, s. s.		1852.								62	32
Cornish,	Sept. 16,	1840.								12	2			
Elliott,	June 22,	1721.	Jeffries Hall, s. s.	May,	1852.					75	6		*76	
Kennebunk, Union ch.	Aug 15,	1826.	William H. Wilcox,	Nov. 4,	1852.	3	1	2	1	83	22	4	70	135
" Port, 1st,	Nov.	1730	John Baker,	Sept. 26,	1849.	2	2			75	4	4	70	
" " South,	Jan. 30,	1838.	George A. Bowman,	August 9,	1848.			1	1	72	10	1	70	118
" " Union church,										4				27
Kittery,	November 4,	1714.	Albert W. Fiske,	July 18,	1850.			2		44	10	1	55	18
Lebanon,	Jan. 26,	1765.	Joseph Loring,	Oct. 12,	1836.			1		65	16		68	20
Limerick,	July 5,	1795.	Albert Cole, s.	June,	1853.	1	1	1	6	80	14	4	*70	55
Limington,	Oct. 11,	1789.	John H. Garman,	Nov. 3,	1847.			2		91	34		152	11
Lyman,	Dec. 2,	1801.	Amasa Loring, s. s.	Jan'y 1,	1849.			2	1	124	17	3	112	35
Newfield,	July,	1801.	William Pierce, s. s.	November,	1853.					73	23		50	12
Parsonsfield,	Jan'y,	1795.								32	4			
Saco,	October 13,	1762								*216				400
Sanford,	July 19,	1786.	Stephen Bailey, s. s.	July 9,	1853.					50	12		35	11
Shapleigh,	October 23,	1823.						1		15	4			
South Berwick,	June 4,	1701.	Benj. R. Allen,	Oct. 12,	1842.	8		5	1	148		12		310
Wells, 1st,	October 29,	1701.	James R. Cushing,	Nov. 20,	1844.			2		162	46	7	136	73
" 2d,	August 23,	1831.	Jona B. Cook, s. s.			3				58	10		60	23
York, 1st,		1673.	John Smith,	Oct. 9,	1850.					86			90	36
" 2d.		1732.	Morris Holman,	Nov 3,	1847.		1			28	5		70	20
	TWENTY-SIX.			TWENTY-ONE.		35	12	22	15	†2090	296	‡60	1646	$1615

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Next meeting in South Buxton, Oct 3, 1854.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting second Wednesday in October.

CHURCH AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		MINISTER AND TIME OF SETTLEMENT.		Admissions.		Removals.			Total No. of Members.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms.	No. in S. Schools.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.					
Calais,	Aug. 17, 1825.	Seth H. Keeler,	Nov. 20, 1839.	6	3				158	15	11	150	200
Cherryfield,	Nov. 1833.								*23				9
Cooper.	Feb. 26, 1826.			2					17		1	50	
Dennysville,	Oct. 27, 1805.	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844.		2		2		95	20		125	113
Eastport,	Feb. 8, 1819.	W. T. Dickson, s. s.	March 13, 1853.	18	3	2	2		98	25	14	100	34
Jonesboro',									*15				
Lubec,	1818.								*10				
Machias,	1782.	Samuel L. Bowler,	Jan 5, 1853.		3	2	3		150	25		215	48
" East,	1826.	John C. Adams, s. s.	Dec. 15, 1848.		2	1			108	24		150	29
" Port,	Dec. 1830.	Gilman Bachellor, s. s.							*52				
Northfield,									*13				
Pembroke,		S. Wentworth, s s					2		22				
Perry.	Oct. 7, 1822								29				
Robbinston,	Nov. 24, 1811	D. B. Sewall,	Jan. 19, 1841.						89	14	2	97	70
St. Stephens, N. B. Milltown,	Oct. 21, 1846.	H. Q. Butterfield, s s	1853.	4		2	1		85	13	2	200	103
Whiting,	Nov. 9, 1833.								*11	1		60	
Whitneyville,									*28				
SEVENTEEN.		NINE.		30	13	7	10		1003†	147	‡30	1147	$606

Rev. Franklin Yeaton, Preceptor, Calais. † Males 358. Females 645,—1003. ‡ Adults 16. Infants 14.

Annual Meeting at Pembroke, June 14, 15. Preachers, Rev. J. H. Stearns, Psalms 51 : 12. Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Matt. 25 : 33—46 ; and Rev. S. H. Keeler, Subject, The Lamb Slain. Sermon before the Washington County Bible Society, by Rev. D. B. Sewall, Psalms 119.

Subject discussed, "In what does the prosperity of a church consist, and what are the best means of promoting it ?"

Resolutions passed against slavery—"our crying national sin"—representing "that the time had come for united, uncompromising, strenuous effort on the part of all christians, ministers and laymen, for the restriction and ultimate entire abolition of slavery."

Hon. Geo. Downes, of Calais, Moderator. Rev. D. B. Sewall, of Robbinston, Scribe. Dea. Wm. A. Crocker, of Machias, Treasurer. Next meeting in Dennysville, October 11, 1854.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting first Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting Tuesday succeeding first Wednesday in October.

Acton,	September 18,	1781.								64	17		55	$17
Alfred,	September,	1791.	John Orr,	May 7,	1846.	5	1		1	111	17	2	80	25
Biddeford, 1st,	April 30,	1730.	Levi Loring, s. s.	July,	1851.				3	78	6		50	9
" 2d.	March 1,	1805.	Samuel M. Gould,	Jan'y 6,	1853	10	6			173	17	16	150	210
Buxton,	March 2,	1763.	Joseph Bartlett,	October 7,	1847.	3		3	1	71		6	65	8
" North Congregation,		1663.	George W. Cressey, s. s.		1852.								62	32
Cornish,	Sept. 16,	1840.								12	2			
Elliott,	June 22,	1721.	Jeffries Hall, s. s.	May,	1852					75	6		*76	
Kennebunk, Union ch.	Aug 15,	1826.	William H. Wilcox,	Nov. 4,	1852.	3	1	2	1	83	22	4	70	135
" Port, 1st,	Nov.	1730	John Baker,	Sept. 26,	1849.	2	2			75	4	4	70	
" " South,	Jan. 30,	1838.	George A. Bowman,	August 9,	1848.			1	1	72	10	1	70	118
" " Union church,										4				27
Kittery,	November 4,	1714.	Albert W. Fiske,	July 18,	1850.			2		44	10	1	55	18
Lebanon,	Jan. 26,	1765.	Joseph Loring,	Oct. 12,	1836.			1		65	16		68	20
Limerick,	July 5,	1795.	Albert Cole, s. s.	June,	1853.	1	1	1	6	80	14	4	*70	55
Limington,	Oct. 11,	1789.	John H Garman,	Nov. 3,	1847.			2		91	34		152	11
Lyman,	Dec. 2,	1801.	Amasa Loring, s. s.	Jan'y 1,	1849.			2	1	124	17	3	112	35
Newfield,	July,	1801.	William Pierce, s. s.	November,	1853.					73	23		50	12
Parsonsfield,	Jan'y,	1795.								32	4			
Saco,	October 13,	1762.								*216				400
Sanford,	July 19,	1786.	Stephen Bailey, s. s.	July 9,	1853.					59	12		35	11
Shapleigh,	October 23,	1823.						1		15	4			
South Berwick,	June 4,	1701.	Benj. R. Allen,	Oct. 12,	1842.	8		5	1	148		12		310
Wells, 1st,	October 29,	1701.	James R. Cushing,	Nov. 20,	1844.			2		162	46	7	136	73
" 2d,	August 23,	1831.	Jona B. Cook, s. s.			3				58	10		60	23
York, 1st,		1673.	John Smith,	Oct. 9,	1850.					86			90	36
" 2d.		1732.	Morris Holman,	Nov 3,	1847.		1			28	5		70	20
TWENTY-SIX.			TWENTY-ONE.			35	12	22	15	†2090	296	‡60	1646	$1615

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SUMMARY, for Six Months, ending December 31, 1853. See Exceptions page 15.

General Conference of Maine, Organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

COUNTY CONFERENCES, AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.		No. of Churches.	Ministers	Dismissions		Removals			Total of Members	Non-Residents	Baptisms	No. in Sab Schools	Donations	Total of
				Profess	Letter	Deaths	Dismis.	Exclud						
Aroostook,	1844	11	8		9	2	3		138	15	3	659	119	
Cumberland,	1822	33	26	63	20	49	34	6	3828	394	60	3238	7061	
Franklin,	1830	13	10	10	4	16	5		635	84	9	220	189	
Hancock,	1825	11	6	8	5	21	6	2	954	36	17	1129	1826	
Kennebec,	1823	17	13	23	11	13	13	2	1098	170	10	1184	2156	
Lincoln,	1825	22	16	11	19	18	12	5	2028	202	23	1439	4056	
Oxford,	1824	13	9	3	8	5	3	3	684	138	12	957	246	
Penobscot,	1825	17	10	30	12	9	32	2	1331	250	22	2013	3488	
Piscataquis,	1842	12	7	11	6	12	3	1	597	120	6	595	310	
Somerset,	1823	14	10	14	2	7	4		577	128	16	912	346	
Union,	1836	13	10	34	8	6	6		1107	203	19	1092	295	
Waldo,	1848	11	8	21	3	11	8	3	819	156	30	938	1098	
Washington,	1829	17	9	30	13	7	10		1003	147	30	1147	606	
York,	1823	26	21	35	12	22	15		2090	296	61	1646	1615	
FOURTEEN.		230	†163	293	132	198	154	24	‡16889	2339	§318	17169	‖$23411	

† Add 30 ordained Ministers without Pastoral charge, and the whole number of Clergymen is 193.

‡ In eleven counties [Franklin, Hancock, and Lincoln, not reporting separately,] the Male members are 4385. Female members 8887.

§ In twelve counties [Franklin and Lincoln not reporting separately,] the Adult Baptisms were 113. Infants 173.

‖ Of this sum, about $9000, was for Home Missions,—$6000 Foreign Missions,—$1000 to Bible cause,—$1000 to Seamen,—$600 to Sabbath Schools,—and the balance to the Education, Tract cause, &c. It does *not* include local charities. In addition to the amount reported above, $450 has been paid by the Conferences, as such, to the Maine Missionary Society.

MINISTERS IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,

Alphabetically arranged ; with references to the County Conference with which they were connected, and their present Post-Office Address.

NAME.	CONFERENCE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Adams G. E.,	Cumberland,	Brunswick.
" John C.,	Washington,	East Machias.
" John R.	Cumberland,	Gorham.
" Jona.,	Lincoln,	Boothbay.
Alden E. M.,	Cumberland,	Yarmouth.
Allen B. R.	York,	South Berwick.
Ashby J. L.	Cumberland,	Saccarappa.
Bachelder C.	Washington,	Machias Port.
Bailey S.	York,	Sanford.
Baker John,	"	Kennebunk Port.
" Silas,	"	Limerick.
Balcombe U.	Lincoln,	Wiscasset.
Barnard P. F.	Kennebec,	Richmond.
Bartlett J.	York,	Buxton.
Bates A. J.	Aroostook,	Lincoln.
Bixby S. E.	Penobscot,	Kenduskeag.
Blake J.	Cumberland,	Cumberland Centre.
Boody H. H.	"	Brunswick.
Bowker S.	Hancock,	Mt. Desert.
Bowler S. L.	Washington,	Bangor, Penobscot County.
Bowman C. A.	York,	South Kennebunk Port.
Boynton A. B.	Lincoln,	Wiscasset.
" J.	"	"
Bradley C.	Cumberland,	Westbrook.
Brown C. M.	Hancock,	Mt. Desert.
Buck C. A.	Cumberland,	Bethel, Oxford Co.
Butterfield H. Q.	Washington,	Milltown.
Carlton I.	Cumberland,	Falmouth.
Carpenter E. G.	Lincoln,	New Castle.
Carpenter H. S.	Cumberland,	Portland.
Carruthers James,	"	"
Carruthers John J.	"	"
Chapman N.	Waldo,	Unity.
Chase B. C.	"	Camden.
Chickering J. W.	Cumberland,	Portland.
Cole A.	York,	Cornish.
Conklin L.	Cumberland,	Freeport.
Conant J. H.	Kennebec,	Monmouth.
Cook J. B.	York,	Wells.
Cressey G. W.	"	Buxton Centre.
Cummings Asa,	Cumberland,	Portland.
Cushing J. R.	York,	Wells.
Cushman D.	Lincoln,	Damariscotta Mills.
Cutter E. F.	Waldo,	Belfast.
Davenport W.	Franklin,	Strong.
Davis F.	Penobscot,	Pownel, Cumberland Co.
Dickson W. T.	Washington,	Eastport.
Dodd J.	Oxford,	Harrison, Cumberland Co.
Douglass J. A.	Union,	Waterford, Oxford Co.
Downes H. S.	Somerset,	Norridgewock.

MINISTERS IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	CONFERENCE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Drake S. S.	Lincoln,	Phipsburg.
Drummond James,	Cumberland,	Lewiston Falls.
" Jos. P.	"	New Gloucester.
Dwight W. T.	"	Portland.
Eaton J.	Hancock,	Isle au Haut.
Ellingwood J. W.	Lincoln,	Bath.
Emerson M.	Union,	Sweden, Oxford Co.
Emerson P. W.	Aroostook,	Hodgdon.
Fargo G. W.	Somerset,	South Solon.
Folch C. P.	Aroostook,	Houlton.
Fessenden J. P.	Union,	South Bridgton, Cum. Co.
" S. C.	Lincoln,	Rockland,
Field G. W.	Penobscot,	Brewer.
Fiske A. W.	York,	Kittery Point.
" J. O.	Lincoln,	Bath.
Fobes E.	Aroostook,	Patten.
Furbush J.	Franklin,	Chesterville.
Freeman J.	Waldo,	Prospect.
French J. R.	Cumberland,	Portland.
Garland D.	Oxford,	Bethel.
Garman J. H.	York,	Limington.
Gay J. S.	Kennebec,	Pittston.
Gerry D.	Union,	Brownfield, Oxford Co.
Goodhue D.	Oxford,	Gilead.
Goodrich L.	Hancock,	Sedgwick Village.
Gould M.	Oxford,	Dixfield.
" S. L.	Franklin,	Phillips.
" S. M.	York,	Biddeford.
Gould Stephen,	Cumberland,	Poland.
Hackett S.	Franklin,	Temple.
Hadley J. B.	Cumberland,	Standish.
Hall J.	York,	Elliott.
Harris L. W.	Franklin,	New Sharon.
Hathaway G. W.	Somerset,	Bloomfield.
Hayes S. H.	Waldo,	Frankfort.
Hawes J. T.	Union,	Bridgton, Cum. Co.
Hitchcock R. D.	Cumberland,	Brunswick.
Hobart C.	"	North Yarmouth.
Holman M.	York,	Scotland.
Hopkins E. S.	Somerset,	Mercer.
" M.	Franklin,	Industry.
Houston H.	Hancock,	Orland.
Howard J. B.	Waldo,	Rockport.
Hurd C.	Union,	Fryeburg, Oxford Co.
Hyde W. L.	Kennebec,	Gardiner.
Ilsley H.	Piscataquis,	Monson.
Jameson Thomas,	Cumberland,	Gorham.
Jones E.	"	Minot.
Jordan W. V.	Hancock,	Deer Isle.
Keeler S. H.	Washington,	Calais.
Keep M. R.	Aroostook,	No. 11.
Kellogg E.	Cumberland,	Harpswell.
Knight E.	Aroostook,	Fort Fairfield.
Lawton C. J.	"	Passadumkeag.
Little G. B.	Penobscot,	Bangor.
Lincoln A.	Cumberland,	Gray.

MINISTERS IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	CONFERENCE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Loring Amasa,	York,	Lyman.
" Asa T.	Oxford,	Norway.
" Henry S.	Hancock,	Amherst.
" Joseph,	York,	Lyman.
" Levi,	"	Biddeford.
Lord T. N.	Cumberland,	Auburn.
Maltby John,	Penobscot,	Bangor.
Mason J. K.	"	Hampden.
Merrill Enos,	Cumberland,	Mechanic Falls.
" H. A.	"	Windham.
" J. G.	Kennebec,	Rumford Point, Oxford Co.
" S. H.	Penobscot,	Old Town.
" Wm. A.	Aroostook,	Passadumkeag.
Mitchell T. G.	Somerset,	Madison.
Morgridge C.	Lincoln,	Bristol.
Morton A.	Franklin,	Wilton.
Munsell J. R.	Waldo,	North Belfast.
Orr John,	York,	Alfred.
Packard A. S.	Cumberland,	Brunswick.
Palmer J. M.	Kennebec,	Kendall's Mills.
" E. S.	Penobscot,	Dedham.
Parker W.	Piscataquis,	Foxcroft.
Perham John,	Cumberland,	Windham.
Perry J. A.	Piscataquis,	Blanchard.
Pierce Wm.	York,	West Newfield.
Pond Enoch,	Penobscot,	Bangor.
Potter D. F.	Lincoln,	Union.
Rawson C. N.	Cumberland,	Westbrook.
Richardson J. P.	Union,	Otisfield.
Ripley L.	"	Waterford.
Rogers Isaac,	Franklin,	Farmington.
Sawyer John,	Piscataquis,	Garland.
" R. M.	Kennebec,	Winthrop.
Sewall Daniel,	Oxford,	South Paris.
" David B.	Washington,	Robbinston.
" Wm. S.	Piscataquis,	Brownville.
Sheldon N. W.	Aroostook,	Portland, Cumberland Co.
Shepard Geo.	Penobscot,	Bangor.
Shepley David,	Kennebec,	Winslow.
Skeele J. P.	"	Hallowell.
Skinner A. L.	Waldo,	Frankfort Mills.
Smith Benj.	Kennebec,	Litchfield Corner.
" D. T.	Penobscot,	Bangor.
" John,	York,	York.
" Joseph,	Union,	Lovell, Oxford County.
" Thos. Jr.	Penobscot,	Brewer Village.
Smyth Wm.	Cumberland,	Brunswick.
Souther S. Jr.	Union,	Fryeburg, Oxford County.
Stearns J. H.	Washington,	Dennysville.
Stone H. M.	Lincoln,	Waldoboro'.
Stone Samuel,	Cumberland,	Falmouth.
Storer H. G.	"	Scarboro'.
Strong H. W.	Oxford,	Norway.
Talbot Samuel,	Lincoln,	Alna.
Tappan Benj.	Kennebec,	Augusta.
Tenney S.	Hancock,	Ellsworth.

MINISTERS IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE,—CONTINUED.

NAME.	CONFERENCE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Tewksbury G. F.	Oxford,	Oxford.
Thayer P. B.	Piscataquis,	Garland.
Thornton J. B. Jr.	Cumberland,	Scarboro'.
Thurston David,	Kennebec,	Brown's Cor., Vassalboro'.
" Richard B.	"	Waterville.
" Stephen,	Waldo,	Searsport.
Titcomb P.	Piscataquis,	Dexter.
Tolman S. R.	Lincoln,	Bath.
Turner David,	Franklin,	New Vineyard.
" J. W.	Cumberland,	Portland.
" Sidney,	Somerset,	Bingham.
Upham T. C.	Cumberland,	Brunswick.
Webb E. B.	Kennebec,	Augusta.
Wellington H.	Union,	North Bridgton, Cum. Co.
Wells James,	Penobscot,	Bangor.
Wentworth S.	Washington,	Pembroke.
Weston Isaac,	Union,	Albany, Oxford County.
" James,	Cumberland,	Standish.
Wheeler C. H.	Lincoln,	Warren.
Wheelwright J. B.	Franklin,	Weld.
White H.	Piscataquis,	Foxcroft.
Whittlesey E.	Lincoln,	Bath.
Wilcox W. H.	York,	Kennebunk.
Wilde John,	Lincoln,	Topsham.
Willey B. G.	Oxford,	Sumner.
Woodhull R.	Lincoln,	Thomaston.
Woods L. Jr.	Cumberland,	Brunswick.
Wright J. E. M.	Aroostook,	Burlington.
Yeaton F.	Washington,	Calais.

REPORT ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.

THE Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the General Conference, to report "upon non-attendance on public worship, and suggest some means of reaching the masses with the preached word," would submit the following:

When on the one hand we take into view the Christian scheme, its benevolence, its power, its complete adaptation to its great end, together with the word of prophecy heralding its ultimate triumph, and on the other hand, consider its crippled power, and its weary and defective progress in the very communities where its means and appliances are most perfect, the question seems to be one of startling magnitude. But we proceed immediately,

1. *To define the subject.* It has no direct reference to the millions of heathen perishing in their blindness, nor to the gloomy districts in Christian countries where there is neither sabbath, nor sanctuary, nor religious teacher, nor mainly to the fields of Home Missionary labor but to our cities and villages and districts, where there is a competent, ministry, commodious houses of worship, vigorous churches, and ample pecuniary strength. The subject has distinct reference to the masses who might from sabbath to sabbath worship God in the sanctuary, but who instead, have no such connection with the means of grace as to leave any reasonable ground to hope they will be made wise unto salvation.

Of itself it is nothing that husbands have religious wives, children religious parents; of itself it is nothing that persons occasionally read the Bible or some religious book, or sometimes enter the sanctuary, or attend a funeral, or once a year are visited by some minister, or Christian friend. God may bless such means, but it is almost universally true that those who spend their days within reach of religious worship on the sabbath, and neglect it, die as they live, without God, and without hope. All such are properly ranked among non-attendants on public worship. But we hasten,

2. *To the results of our examination.* In October last, circulars were sent to all parts of the State, and so far as practicable, to persons connected with the various denominations. By some they were altogether neglected, others have cordially aided in the effort. A little less than one hundred reports were returned. From these, there were selected all that had the appearance of careful preparation, amounting to fifty-three.

In these 53 cities, villages and towns, the population was generally taken from the census of 1850, and they then contained an aggregate of 127,098. The average attendance at four different counts, was 26,583, and the absentees belonging to these congregations, 10,051, which, after deducting 1000 for strangers and transient worshippers, leaves 35,634, connected with the religious worship of all denominations in the places reported. It is not claimed that these figures are mathematically correct, but the universal error is, to estimate more under the influence of the Gospel than really are so.

It is somewhat difficult to ascertain what proportion of the people might attend public worship. But according to a very rigid examination recently made in England, "by every test of age, of personal freedom and access to sittings in the churches," it is found that 58 per cent. of the whole population are actually able to be in attendance at the same time. Then instead of 26,583, there should be an average attendance of 73,716; so that only a fraction more than one third of those who might be in attendance are so. Or if we take 35,634, as having some connection with the sanctuary, then more than two-thirds of the whole population in these 53 cities and towns, are unreached by the means of grace. And while 58 per cent. allows more than one-half of the people to meet habitually for divine worship, less than one-fourth do so. There may be obstacles in their way, and we may excuse ourselves and them, but let us beware that we count nothing an obstacle or an excuse, that will not weigh as such at the bar of God. But we pass to notice,

3. *Particular localities.* Here the evil will be more apparent. We will commence with the city of Bangor. In 1850 it had a population of 14,432. It is said now to contain 17,000, and 58 per cent. of this, gives 9,860 for the average attendance on the sabbath. Instead of this we have less than 5,800; leaving upwards of 4,000 habitual neglectors of public worship from choice.

Bath is another of our most favored localities. The report from that city, by Rev. J. O. Fiske, is made with great care. Its present population is put down at 9,500, and the average attendance on public worship at 2,531. According to the 58 per cent. standard, however, there would be 5,510. The report, however, doubles the average attendance to include all who are under pastoral care, and then it says, "we have still, 4,438, not statedly connected with any religious congregation, and would furnish 2,219, actually present on any given sabbath, which is certainly material enough for five large religious societies here in Bath, larger than any which we now have. You see then a very great and alarming destitution, even with the most correct estimates that I can form."

Augusta has a population of 8,500, and an average attendance of 1,793. But 58 per cent. will allow of more than 4,000. Hallowell has a population of 3,500, with an average attendance of 897, while there should be an average of 2,000. Gardiner has now a population probably not less than 6,000, with an average attendance of 1,260. There should be 3,480. "Our churches," says Rev. W. L. Hyde, "need something more than good preaching and sound theology. They need to be roused to their responsibility to the neglected portions of our own city population." Calais has a population of more than 6,000, and, says Rev. S. H. Keeler, "After deducting the sick, the infirm, and those who must attend upon them, those who are more or less absent on business or pleasure, and those who are too young to attend meeting on the sabbath, and I might add, those who live in remote parts of the town, there are still, as I believe, 4,000, who might attend meeting, while, alas! the number who do attend habitually, would not exceed 1,200. Surely something ought to be done, must be done, to reach the absentees, and lessen the truly alarming majority." "Lewiston," says Rev. J. Drummond, "has within the sound of the bell in the village and out of it, 9,000 souls, and of these not more than 1,500 are in the sanctuary on the sabbath," while on the 58 per cent. scale, there should be 5,000. Thomaston has a population of 4,000, and "after a long course of observation," says Rev. R. Woodhull, "the average attendance is estimated at 500, or one-eighth of the people." In Frankfort,

with 5,000 people and 7 houses of worship, not more than 1,000 are habitually connected with them.

And as we go back into the inland towns, we find the same melancholy results. Taking them at random, we have in Windham, out of 2,500, an average attendance of 500; in Durham, 325, out of 1,894; in Parsonsfield, 525, out of 2,344; in Union, 351, out of 1,850; in Lebanon, 350, out of 2,200; in Pownal, 218, out of 1,780; in Veazie, 44, out of 1,300; in Penobscot, 62, out of 1,556; in Mt. Desert, 345, out of 3,600; in Lovell, 123, out of 1,200.

Should it be thought that 58 per cent. is too large a proportion, the report of Rev. E. M. Alden, of Yarmouth, will help decide the question. "As to my own people," he says, "I have kept an estimate for a long time of the attendance. About 800 souls are connected with this congregation. On very pleasant sabbaths, the attendance is from 425 to 475; in ordinary weather, from 325 to 400; stormy, from 100 to 200. Fifty able bodied men seldom or never attend meeting; 60 are connected actively with the sea, and are much of the time away; necessarily detained by sickness, infirmities, or old age, 45; detained by being too young, or in the care of the young, 150; in all, 305." But 50 of these are able bodied men at home, and 60 are able bodied men at sea, so that only 195 out of 800, are detained by any physical necessity. But we may consider,

4. *The connection of the subject with Sabbath desecration.* The profanation of the sabbath is one of the most fearful evils of the times. In the figures presented we have a partial demonstration of its terrible extent. We are sure we do not exaggerate, when we affirm that in the most favored portions of our State, two-thirds of all the people do not in any proper manner observe the Christian sabbath, and the voluntary neglect of public worship gives us the guage and dimensions of this evil. This neglect of the sabbath tends to paralyze every conservative influence, and to license every abomination. Neighborhoods where it prevails, become the very nurseries of perdition. Here is one of the awful secrets of corruption in low places and in high places. It not only perils eternal interests, but it trains in the very bosom of society the deadliest foe to all our institutions; and it is safe to say that habitual attendance on religious worship under a faithful ministry, is the only effectual barrier to sabbath desecration.

Now, if it suits their convenience, our steam boats lade and unlade on the sabbath; scores of teams employ the whole day in transporting merchandise, for example, all the way from Frankfort, the head of winter navigation on the Penobscot, to, and through the city of Bangor, and far back hundreds of miles to the pine forests, where perhaps are employed 10,000 men for six months in the year, and, with a few choice exceptions, no sabbath. In our cities and villages no day in the week makes such a demand upon livery stables as the sabbath. And

5. *It is an increasing evil.* To profane the sabbath and forsake the sanctuary, has come to be regarded as respectable. Men of rank and of wealth, of education and enterprise, practice it. The ambitious, the pleasure loving, and money loving multitude, choose to be free from religious restraints; with such examples, they find an easy relief to their consciences, and our children and youth by thousands are following their example. They cannot be retained in the Sabbath School, and the Bible and religious reading give place to the novel and the newspaper.

What the infinite mercy of God may do we cannot tell; but in all human probability, unless some mighty struggle be made against it, with our increase of wealth and enterprise, and when our villages have become cities, we shall find a fearful increase of the evil. In the 11th

Ward of New York, there is a population of 50,000. Its eight evangelical churches, will accommodate 6,000; leaving 23,000 who might attend public worship, unprovided for. "It is in the great towns of Scotland," says Hugh Miller, "that irreligion chiefly now prevails. It is those cities of our country, which first caught the light of religion and learning, that have become preeminently its dark parts." It is also said that in London alone, there are one and a half millions of people, who have no connection with any place of worship. The enterprising population of the country is continually flowing into our villages and cities, and without the sanctuary, the evil must rapidly increase, and what shall guard society against the overwhelming preponderance of irreligion, and what shall save souls from death! But,

6. *We are not alone in our fears.* Rev. T. O. Rice, of Connecticut, in an able paper on this subject, speaks of it as "an evil of great magnitude, and which imperatively demands attention." "It is a painful and startling fact," says he, "that not far from one-half of our whole population do not come under the direct influence of the means of grace. They are in the condition of the heathen, without a sabbath, or sanctuary, and without a spiritual teacher. The gospel they must have, or perish, and perish under a heavier doom than the foreign heathen."

"Certainly," says Rev. Dr. Pomroy, of the American Board, "it is a subject which demands the attention of the churches. Undoubtedly something can be done and ought to be done."

"If you shall be able," says Dr. Hawes, of Hartford, "to present a plan, relating to the subject committed to you by the General Conference of your State, whereby the masses of neglectors of public worship and of the stated means of grace, now so numerous, and so rapidly increasing in our country, shall be brought under the appropriate influences of the Gospel, you will have lived long enough, and dying, will deserve to be remembered in all future time as the benefactors of your race."

"I am frank to say," says Dr. Todd, of Pittsfield, "that I regard it as one of the great, if not the greatest difficulties in our parishes." "The subject," says Dr. Sweetser, of Worcester, "is a very important one, and as difficult as it is important. The evil in question is a great one, and a very alarming one, and well deserves the prayerful regard of all who love either their country or the kingdom of Christ."

And the following forcible considerations are from Rev. Walter Clark, D. D., of Hartford: "Three-fifths of the inhabitants of our cities, are living at this moment in habits of confirmed separation from the means of grace. Of this terrible leaven of ignorance, stupidity and death, in the bosom of Christian society, it must be remembered, that it is the prepared material for all forms of final fanaticism, delusion and impiety, that within it, as its only organic laws, are the seminal principles of infidelity and radicalism, and that if abandoned by the church, time and the prince of darkness will most surely mould it into forms of corporate wickedness which will frighten the future."

Such are the sentiments of reflecting men on this subject, at home and abroad.

Let it be remembered furthermore, and we say it here because it should be said somewhere distinctly, that our *counts cover all, of every name, who go to meeting.* Of these not a few go where they are taught and influenced not to the way of life, but to the way of death.

It is with pain and alarm, then, that we hasten to inquire,

7. *What can be done to arrest the evil?* How shall we turn back this current of ungodliness which is deepening and widening every day? Can any thing be done? Surely what ought to be done can be

done. These masses ought to be reached and they can be. How can we gaze at the Cross of Christ on the one hand, and at the smoke of their torment on the other, and dare to think it is impossible! We believe the evil can be overcome. If the millennium shall ever come, it must be. But what means shall be employed?

Sabbath Schools do much for the youth; religious reading, tracts, etc., are valuable agencies in their place; but they have done and will do but little to bring these neglectors of worship into the sanctuary. "I have tried," says Dr. Todd, "all manner of means to get that portion of the people to church, by tracts, by going and preaching to them, visiting them, circulating Edwards' little work on the Sabbath, (I once circulated 800 copies in a single week,) by circulating missionary papers, and that regularly, and with no results." Mr. Rice, in the paper before referred to, quotes one of his correspondents as saying, "I have put the Sabbath documents into every family in town, and never seen any results; I have put Alleine's Alarm into every family in town, and never seen any results; I have put the missionary papers, the American Messenger, and the Christian Almanac, into every family in town, and never seen any results." And if others have made similar efforts, they have doubtless seen them almost equally powerless upon the class in question.

The preaching of the Gospel is unquestionably the grand agency of saving sinners. It is divinely appointed. It is by the foolishness of preaching that they are saved who believe; not by the occasional preaching of a lecture in different neighborhoods, but by the regular proclamation of the law of God, and the Gospel of Christ, on the Sabbath. It has been said by Christian men of long and careful observation, that those who habitually and from principle hear the Gospel, do for the most part leave ground of hope in their case when they leave the world, while the converse is generally true of others. Hence it may be a very serious question whether we have laid stress enough upon the worship of God in the sanctuary as a means of grace, and whether, by exalting so many other instrumentalities, and by modifying our preaching to the tastes of the age, we have not greatly depreciated the power of the pulpit. We must recover that power, augment that power, and make the pulpit the chief agency of saving these masses, or they are lost.

In the early ages of the church, when the truth so marvellously triumphed, the simple and earnest exhibition of the Cross of Christ, was the principal instrumentality. "In this work," in the words of another, "the church had all the wisdom, might, and magnificence of the world against her; its learning, its habits, its political organizations and religious establishments, its pride and sensuality. To all this array of material and intellectual power, she had nothing to oppose but the divine verities, and unconquerable energy of her faith. The weapons of her warfare were not carnal, yet were they mighty through God to the pulling down of fortresses, the overthrow of reasonings, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. She was victorious in the conflict; and this was the victory which overcometh the world, even her faith."

Such have been the results of the preaching of the Gospel accompanied by the power of God. It is not for us to say what are the deficiencies in the present modes of preaching, but we may repeat the language of a member of one of our city churches. "I am tired," said he, "of inviting my men—and he employed a large number—to attend meeting with me, for they hear, and understand not, and come away more than ever impressed with the tediousness of the Sabbath

services. Only last Sabbath, I prevailed upon a man who had absented himself for years to go with me, but every thing went over his head, and there was not a point in the sermon on which I could converse with him on the following day. I am tired of asking my men to go to meeting with me. They do not get fed." This is not a solitary fact, and it is painfully suggestive. But it is proper to consider,

8. *What are the responsibilities of the lay members of the churches in this matter.* It is a general principle, settled by divine authority, that these masses, if ever saved, must be reached by the voice of the living preacher. The great question is, how shall he reach them? The circumstances that made street preaching so effective in the days of Whitefield and the Wesleys, have passed away. Then in a climate like ours, and with so few preachers, and we might add, so few Whitefields and Wesleys, but little could be accomplished. Weekly lectures, where people might come to the sanctuary on the Sabbath, do not effect the end. The minister, with all his crushing labors, cannot go from house to house and preach to each individual. The Sabbath is the day, and the sanctuary is the place which God has appointed for the preaching of the Gospel, and for the class in question, there is no hope if they despise this provision.

Who then shall induce these people to hear the Gospel? Ministers may and should do much. They should lay out the work and do what they can themselves. But where is the minister who is not rapidly wearing himself out with his present incessant labors? He must daily visit the sick, the afflicted, and the unfortunate; he must attend funerals, and meetings of various kinds; he has a multitude of interruptions, a family to care for, an aching head and weary frame like other men, and the Sabbath comes often with its relentless demands, and these people to be reached and rescued, must be seen day by day, and week by week; they are strangers, laborers, domestics, and should any minister attempt to do all that is necessary, a few years would break the most vigorous constitution. These souls are ready to perish, habit is rapidly forming, and delay is perilous.

But the lay members can do it. In the providence of God, they are scattered all over this missionary ground. The souls to be saved are over against their own dwellings. They know them, can gain access to them, are able to reach their sympathies, and it is a work which every Christian has sufficient ability to perform, the neglect of which is bringing leanness upon his soul, and hiding the light of practical godliness from the world. "Go work to-day in my vineyard," "Go ye into all the world," &c., are as binding on the layman as the minister, and he who cannot preach himself, can invite his neighbor to go to the sanctuary, and hear the Gospel from the preacher there. Let every Christian feel that this is his great personal work, to bring those who have no Sabbath under the droppings of the sanctuary, let him cultivate their acquaintance, awaken their sympathies, overcome their prejudices, plead with them and pray for them, and he will not labor in vain.

Let this be the great missionary work of the 60,000 Christians of Maine; let it be a duty as binding on them, as much a test of Christian character, as reading their Bibles, praying in their closets, or sending the Gospel to the heathen; let this be the life-long work of these 60,000 Christians, and this terrible evil will begin to disappear. Who that has ought of faith in God, can doubt it. And we solemnly believe, that it is not possible in any other way to quicken and develop the power of the church, or to reach and save these masses.

Let the pastors of our churches adopt this view, and let them call

their people together, and lay this neglected work before them as the dying injunction of their Lord and Master, let them heartily co-operate with other denominations in the one grand aim to bring all the people to the house of worship on the sabbath, let them create a public sentiment so that it shall be even disreputable in any good citizen to neglect it, and with the divine blessing, the work will be done. And this systematic effort, this weekly going into the lanes and streets of the city to persuade the multitude to worship God, if done in the name of Christ, and with a soul of benevolence, will do more with the masses to remove skepticism and refute infidelity, than all the books and arguments that have ever been published to the world. This making the blind to see, and the deaf to hear, and the lame to walk, is the divine demonstration of the Christian religion.

And it is not only the church and these souls that are in jeopardy; the pulpit must have the moulding of the people, or leave them to be swayed by every phase of political selfishness, or itinerant error and fanaticism. A popular government has every thing to fear from its ungodly majorities. But we close this report, by a brief review,

Lastly, of some of the prominent obstacles. The position we have taken is, that the church must co-operate with the ministry in one grand systematic effort to persuade the "Godless masses" to hear the gospel preached. But simply to remove the obstacles in the way, will require no little sacrifice, and a large expenditure of Christian activity.

One of these obstacles is the ignorance and prejudice of the class in question. This is very forcibly expressed in a paper read before the Congregational Union of England and Wales. "There is with these people," it says, "a want of sympathy with religion and religious classes, a pure dislike of us, a conviction that we are not sincere in our profession, that we do not care for them, that we neither mix with them nor feel for them, and hating our respectability and our aloofness, they look at the doctrines we are supposed to preach, through the distorted medium of their aversion." This ignorance and prejudice must be overcome. We must remove the very appearance of aristocracies, and indifference to their welfare.

Another obstacle is a want of access to houses of worship. With some, this obstacle is purely imaginary, with others, it is real. We have supposed there are 60,000 Christians in Maine. We will believe there are 40,000, who might do something every week in this great missionary work. And now should the spirit of God be poured out upon our churches, and filled with Missionary zeal, should they attempt this labor of love, what shall they do for church accommodations? Here is a difficulty that meets them at the very outset. Want of access to the places of religious worship, is one of the causes of the evil itself. Invite those who neglect the sanctuary to go, and they meet you with the reply, they have no seat. It may be regarded as a groundless excuse, but they suffer it to keep them from the means of grace and salvation.

In the first place, in our cities and villages, most of the sittings are owned or rented, unless a few are reserved as poor seats, and these are often such as will neither sell or rent. But if sittings are to be had, there are multitudes who cannot pay from $5 to $75 a year, to provide a family with sittings in the house of worship. They can hardly pay their rents and buy their bread. Again, the sittings are generally taken once a year, rented at high prices, as they must be if in this way the current expenses of the society are paid, and those who might wish to attend, or be induced to, after this annual sale of the sittings, would

seldom be accommodated, whereas the effort to bring them in, must be made every week through the year.

It is sometimes proposed to build free churches, and invite the throngs of non-attendants to them. If some of the leading members of our congregations will go with them, and with a resolute *will*, start a new enterprise, it might succeed. But if we rely upon free churches, if we direct the multitude to go to them and worship God, while virtually saying, we have no room for you in our more elegant churches; if we turn them away because they are poor, or for any other reason, they will despise our free churches, and the religion we offer them there, and in ignorant scorn will they misapply the words of Christ, "Beware of the Scribes which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the market places, and the chief seats in the synagogues; which devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayers;" and they will quiet their consciences in the belief, that "these shall receive greater damnation," than themselves. All the free churches that were built some years ago on this ground, completely failed. "It is practically," says Dr. Hawes, "like writing over the church door, '*this Church is for poor people*,' and nobody is willing to say that he is poor," in this public manner. And precisely the same objection lies against "free seats," reserved for the poor. Explain it as you may, there is the fact. The poor seats are deserted; a few will be thankful for them, but few are so poor in spirit as to occupy them.

The question again recurs, on the supposition that the effort be made to gather the masses to hear the gospel, where shall they go? Are they made to see that they may come and welcome to our churches? Do we not rather cause them to feel that they have no more right to our pews, than to our parlors? Is there not something that savors of pride and aristocracy in these matters of salvation and eternal life, under Christian control?

We would suggest then, whether some modification is not demanded in our church accommodations. Is there any authority in scripture for our present system? Does it accord with the missionary spirit, the very genius of our religion? Does it not encourage exclusiveness, extravagance, and display, and thus drive the middling and lower classes from the house of God, and the gate of heaven!

"In point of fact," says Dr. Hawes, "all our houses of worship, should be as to all practical uses, free churches." "The principal difficulty with us," says Dea. Samuel Adams of Castine, "is want of desirable pews. All such are owned or hired, but not half filled. I have urged our people to make the house free, and offered to do so with all I owned. I greatly desire that the plan may be fairly tested. Let those who feel the importance that all should hear the truth, and that to the poor the gospel may be preached, make so much self-denial as to label their pews free, and then buy up and hire as many others as can be had, and make them free. I have no fears but all would get a comfortable seat, and many of the best sittings would not then as now be found empty, and the stale excuse would not be, want of a seat. The people are more democratic than they were forty years ago, and let us show them that our order does not deserve the name of being proud and distant."

"The church which I attend," says R. H. Dana, jr., of Boston, "begun seven years ago on the system of free sittings. *All* the seats are free. They are made open, without doors, and all are furnished alike in a comfortable manner. As a part of our service (the anti-communion service,) there is an 'offertory,' and as it is made with reading passages from the scriptures, it has less the appearance of the mere

taking up of a contribution, and more that of a religious service. This 'offertory,' has fully supported our church, and the result has been entirely successful. The poor, the transient, the unfixed people come in, and there are no pews empty and paid for in the best locations. We think the pew system a violation of the spirit of the rule of the apostles, and of the spirit of Christianity. I believe that if all the seats were free as at lectures, there would be a larger attendance, more sympathy in the worship, and a more general feeling, that all have a right, an interest, and a duty in the public worship."

"I have long had the impression," writes Rev. David Thurston, D.D. "that by not having free seats, many are kept from the house of God. When I contemplate the existing state of things in the church, I feel as though there must be a revolution, before the world can be converted to Christ. The spirit of caste must be removed. It is as rampant in some of our churches, as in India."

But let us remove all these obstacles; let our piety be deeper, our faith stronger; let the missionary spirit pervade our churches, and let our houses be accessible to all; then let the poor widow cast in her mite, the rich of his abundance, and each as the Lord hath prospered him, according to the divine rule: and let all be trained to give from a religious obligation, and as their means increase so shall their gifts, and we have no fears that the Lord's Treasury will not be sufficiently full. To use the words of another, "In this purely spiritual form of church extension, religion had almost overspread the world and won to Christ all its centres and citadels of influence and civilization, before a solitary church edifice had been erected on the face of the earth."

Here we leave the subject so imperfectly presented, commending it to the prayerful consideration of all who love the kingdom of Christ and the souls of men.

S. H. HAYES, *Chairman of the Committee.*

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE BANGOR SEMINARY.

A part of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Conference, to visit the Theological Seminary in this city, were present at the examinations and the Anniversaries, in August last, and were well gratified with the evidence given that the modes of instruction and training, here, are truly interesting and successful, and adapted to secure the important purposes of the Seminary.

In the examinations in Greek and Hebrew Literature, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Duties, Ecclesiastical History, Sacred Rhetoric, and Homiletics, there were evinced the excellent ability, thoroughness and fidelity, with which the duties of these departments are fulfilled, and commendable diligence and proficiency, in those enjoying the privileges here furnished.

Of the public exercises of the Societies connected with the Seminary, and which celebrated their anniversaries during the same week as the Seminary itself, your committee would express their decided approbation.

The graduating class were few in numbers, but their performances gave fair credit to their general maturity and discipline, and clear evidence of their qualifications for the great work before them, and that among them were mental endowments and attainments of the first order, for their years; and they are now assigned to useful and important stations in the vineyard of the Lord.

The number of Students in the Seminary according to the last catalogue is 43, of whom 19 belong to the senior class.

This Seminary has passed, since its origin, through various scenes of trial and prosperity, and by it a vast amount of good has already been accomplished. More than 400 individuals have availed themselves of its privileges, of whom 274 have completed its prescribed course of study for the ministry, including many efficient instruments in building the walls of Zion at home, and in rearing the standard of the cross in foreign lands.

It is a settled fact that this school of the prophets will continue its operations. It enjoys the sympathies and hospitalities of the good people of its location, and its immediate vicinity, and furnishes some of the best facilities for educating such as are to be spiritual guides in the sacramental host. And while its foundations are safely and well laid for the interests of the Congregational churches, yet it is pervaded by a catholic and ingenuous spirit, so that young men of any evangelical denomination, can without embarrassment, receive here a thorough theological training, each being permitted entire independence in theory and opinion, and in the proper modes of defending them.

Your Committee find upon careful inquiry, that the financial concerns of the Seminary are in a safe and healthy condition. It has received by bequests during the year, $2000. $1000 by the late Mr. Swan, of Portland, and $1000 by the late Mr. Folsom, of Bucksport. Its whole income is about $4,500. It has $50,000 in real estate; $50,000 in personal estate, and $12,000 or $13,000 in a well selected Library, to which important additions have been made during the year; but its depository is neither commodious nor safe, as has repeatedly been shown to this Conference in preceding reports; and a building designed for a chapel, a library, and recitation rooms, is immediately needed. To erect a building for these purposes, suitable and permanent, would require $12,000; and we beg leave to press this part of the enterprise upon your consideration. The exposed state of the library and the inconveniences incurred, render it peculiarly desirable to proceed in this business; and we are happy to say that a subscription has been opened, and $1000 secured.

The three existing professorships are properly endowed. Another should be established with the least possible delay; to do which would require $20,000; $3000 for a dwelling house, and the remainder as a fund for the salary of the professor.

There are no funds to meet the expenses of managing the pecuniary affairs of the Seminary, and none to meet other contingent expenses which are unavoidable. More than $50,000 ought to be added to its funds in order to place it in an unembarrassed condition, and to afford it the best facilities for carrying forward its objects.

A new professorship in Ecclesiastical History, is in view of your committee, and of the best judges, not only a desideratum, but is becoming an urgent want. While the present professors merit the gratitude and commendation of all the friends of the Seminary, and of the Christian public, for sustaining in a manner highly satisfactory, the usual labors belonging to four departments of instruction, yet all of these labors

ought not to be much longer imposed. In their proper departments and in meeting the calls inevitably made upon those occupying positions like theirs, the amount of mental toil is amply sufficient for the most gifted minds, and more than this, ought not to be borne any longer than pressing necessity requires. An addition to the faculty of instruction, in order to share its responsibilities and labors, would not only be a relief and advantage to the present professors, but is absolutely demanded in view of the increase of the number of the students, and of the future prospects of the Seminary.

Would the churches and the patriots of Maine, but view this matter in its true light, and the incalculable importance of a well endowed and vigorously operating Seminary of this kind, in the heart of our Commonwealth, and its bearing on all our social, civil and religious interests, there could be, we presume, but one voice thereon; and they would send thither more of their wealth, and of their choice sons, in order to subserve in this way the purposes of that heaven originated institution, the ministry of reconciliation.

We but reiterate sentiments which you have long cherished, in saying, that this is a Seminary of great value, effective in its influence on the welfare of the land and the ocean, and especially so on the moral and religious destiny of our State, and enjoying the full confidence of its churches and its citizens.

May it continue to flourish through the good hand of our God upon it, and send forth in adequate numbers the faithful heralds of salvation, as long as the great head of the church shall bestow upon her, in her militant state, his ascension gifts.

JOS. LORING, *Chairman of the Committee.*

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REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

No County Conference has made returns upon this subject save Penobscot, and in no other is the cause so prosperous.

Will not each Conference through its proper Committee, secure an Annual Report upon the state of its schools, and suggestions as to their increased efficiency?

Among the points considered in the Sabbath School Report of last year, was one bearing upon the perpetuity of our feeble churches, as secured by this Institution.

It is often the means of "strengthening the things which remain, that are ready to die."

The instinctive principle of self preservation might well prompt our churches to vigorous efforts in the Sabbath School. But alas, in some, the languor which goes immediately before the freezing state, seems to be stealing over them, and a loud call is needed to rouse them to exertion, lest they be entirely paralyzed and die.

It is to us a familiar thought, and as precious as it is familiar, that through the *families of believers*, God will perpetuate his church; but while there are Ishmaels and Esaus among the children of the faithful, let the church win to her bosom those who shall receive the adoption of sons. Through the Sabbath School, let "it come to pass that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there shall they be called the children of the living God."

Thus shall our churches be strengthened, "The feeble among them shall be as David, and David as the angel of the Lord."

Let us consider as another point, the work of *development* secured to the church by sustaining the Sabbath School.

Rev. Mr Bullard has called the Sabbath School "the gymnasium of the church," an institution by which its flacid muscles are made to put on strength. Many a church suffering from a kind of spiritual dyspepsia, some which have grown plethoric, upon whose members gout is beginning to fasten its remorseless gripe, would be brought to a state of perfect health, by the animating, bracing labors of the Sabbath School.

What pastor does not know members suffering in all their spiritual interests for want of just this life-giving, at least health-restoring exercise.

Little need be said of the increase of scriptural knowledge secured by the Sabbath School teacher.

It is the testimony of many, that they know nothing of their deficiencies in knowledge of God's word, till the attempt to teach others revealed it, and it is likewise their grateful acknowledgement, that their own souls have been fed as with marrow and fatness, while they have studied for the benefit of others.

The sustaining of the Sabbath School bears directly upon the *heart* of the church, keeps alive and gives full play to the *sensibilities*.

When the demands of a hurrying age make necessary a great deal of outward effort, and the church (*per force,*) becomes a working, perhaps a *calculating* body, has a great deal to do with secularities, the building of its edifices, the liquidation of its debts, the gathering of its collections, the disbursement of its charities, till its muscle and brain are in full action; something is needed to influence the heart, and draw out the affections, lest this secular activity become mere rotation, habitual drudgery, mechanical business life. Or it may be, a still greater calamity result, viz: the feeling, "We have built ourselves a comfortable nest, let us enjoy it."

What shall be done for such a church?

Just what God does, in nature, for the swift winged pair, whose tireless efforts have secured themselves a habitation. A week or two only passes, and that nest is the home of young flutterers with wide open mouths calling for food. And now what new efforts does parental love call forth for their supply.

What is a bird's nest without the young brood, and what is a church without its young nestlings, that it must guard and nurture, and teach to fly?

We may not object to the nest building so much in vogue among the churches, only let not the well built nest be for the old birds alone.

The Sabbath School is the child of the church; directly calculated to stimulate its affections, to develop all its parental instincts. The family does not exist that can afford to do without children, and if God in his inscrutable providence has seen fit to deny them, let others be grafted in by adoption, that hearts beginning to contract and wither for lack of objects of affection, may flow out afresh under the stimulus of new cares and new joys. So the church does not exist that can afford to lose the stimulus to its affections, furnished by a carefully provided and vigorously sustained Sabbath School. Such labors will give symmetry, where otherwise would be distortion.

There are always Peters ready to draw sword and deal heavy blows for their master,

but such do well to remember that the Master's first injunction after rising from the dead, to the resolute apostle, was, "*Feed my lambs.*" By such humble labors the harshness and impetuosity of our Peters may be made to give place to gentleness; they shall lose nothing of their manliness and intrepidity, but their valor shall be chastened by tenderness.

The Sabbath School in these two relations to the church is full of interest, as having a work both of preparation and development. But there is still deeper interest in considering it as furnishing a choice means of aggression upon the world.

Through this channel shall the church possess the gate of them that hate her.

Not that we undervalue the preaching of the gospel. The preacher stands far in advance of any other agency, in building up Christ's kingdom. Not as a substitute but as an auxiliary, would we bring forward, and give greater prominence to the Sabbath School.

It is manifest that all the efficacy of the preached word depends upon its coming in contact with the people. It has been shrewdly remarked that "the only reason why David's smooth stone from the brook wrought such execution upon Goliath, was, *it hit him.*" What matter how beautiful a house of worship we rear, how commodious and attractive its appointments, if after all, the masses of our people come not within its walls. What matter how clear and forcible the utterance of the pulpit, if it reach not the ear of those who most need its instructions. And yet who needs be told that after all our efforts, we are reaching but a moiety of the people. Well may the subject weigh upon the heart of the church. Well may we appropriate hours of these precious anniversaries to a matter so momentous as this.

But what shall we do? Where is the remedy?

Shall we build chapels for the poor? Yes.

Shall we resort to street preaching? Yes But not of that kind that gathers a crowd with the deadly revolver and concealed dirk, ready for instant service. Let it be like that of the Samaritan woman, "Come," &c. John 4: 29.

There is intensity of interest imparted to this subject by considering its connection with our immigrant population.

How reach the rapidly increasing multitudes who care not for God's day, despise his house, and disregard his word. The adults are to a great degree beyond our direct efforts. Their children are not. Let us go to their dwellings in the hour of sickness and affliction, let the sisters in the church with their Master's spirit glowing in their hearts, bend with the sorrowing mother over the couch where the sick little one lies suffering, it may be as much for want of careful nursing as from disease; let her kind hand minister relief, and she will gain that family. The children may be led to the Sabbath School; the parents with their children to the sanctuary. And thus may family after family that seem so inaccessible, be reached and by the blessing of God upon his truth, shall they be saved. To this aggressive work it is the high privilege of the devoted Sabbath School teacher to prosecute. Let them magnify their office.

The Report closed with a reference to the hearty, self denying and triumphantly successful labors in this direction, of Mr. Morrill, some years since a member of the Seminary, and of Mrs. Beacroft, of Bangor, upon whose coffin crowds of children poured their tears as though a mother had been taken from them.

S. SOUTHER, JR., *Committee.*

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

As adopted at the Annual Meeting in Brunswick, June, 1839.

Art. I. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of Maine.

Art. II. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches, three ministers and three laymen:—and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches, two ministers and two laymen: and also of the officers, and delegates, who the preceding year attended the meetings of corresponding bodies, preachers and committees for the time for which they are chosen, and also the minister of the place where the Conference meets

Art. III. The Union Conference, though not *bounded by County lines*, is admitted a member of this body with a representation of two ministers and two laymen.

Art. IV. Ordained ministers, who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

Art. V. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator chosen by ballot to continue in office three years.

Art. VI. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall

hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. VII. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. VIII. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. IX. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. X. This Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock, A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the scriptures and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the scriptures and prayer.

ART. XII. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and all subjects to be brought before the Conference shall be introduced through their hands and with their approbation.

ART. XIII. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. XIV. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connexion by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. XV. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. XVI. The public religious exercises shall be closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

ART. XVII. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. XVIII. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two thirds of the members present.

RULES.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitution:—or in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.
2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.
3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.
4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.
5. At each meeting of the Conference a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.
6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of Conference.
7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall if requested be reduced to writing.
8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement or commitment.
9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connexion with the Conference.
10. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

The returns of the churches, by the last vote of Conference, (1854,) should be made to the first of June, each year, including the first Sabbath in that month.

BIBLE DEPOSITORIES. E. F. Duren, Bangor; W. Davis, Belfast; D. C. Stanwood, Augusta; M. F. Gannett, Bath; G. Lord, Portland; J. W. Jones, Ellsworth; Sawyer & Woodbury, Dover; Rev. A. J. Bates, Lincoln; Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Bloomfield; Rev. I. Rogers, Farmington; A. Hersey, South Paris; W. C. Conant, Alfred; F. Blake, Harrison; J. Kilby, Dennysville.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE:

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN PORTLAND,

JUNE 26, 27, AND 28, 1855.

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The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Maine, will be held at Calais, Washington County, commencing on Tuesday, June 24, 1856.

Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, on Tuesday evening.

Forty-ninth Anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday, June 25, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Anniversary of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, Wednesday P. M.

MINUTES.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, was held in the Meeting House of the THIRD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, PORTLAND, commencing on Tuesday, June 26, 1855, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator, REV. DAVID SHEPLEY, of Winslow, read the fifth chapter of Luke, and led in prayer.

United in singing the 147th Psalm, second part.

"Let Zion praise the mighty God,"—*(Hamburgh.)*

The certificates of the delegates were called for, and the names of members enrolled.

The COUNTY CONFERENCES were represented as follows:

AROOSTOOK.—Rev. R. W. Emerson.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. H. S. Carpenter, Rev. E. Jones, Rev. J. L. Ashby, Bro. Ether Shepley, Dea. W. Cobb, Dea. R. Blanchard.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Isaac Rogers, Rev. Wm. Davenport.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Sewall Tenney, Rev. S. H. Merrill, Dea. Samuel Adams.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., Rev. J. H. Conant, Dea. Stephen Sewall, Bro. Edward Nason.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Rev. S. S. Drake, Rev. C. H. Wheeler, Bro. Rufus Sewall, Bro. Edmund Starrett, Dea. John Stinson.

OXFORD.—Rev. Asa T. Loring, Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, Dea. Samuel Poor, Bro. David F. Brown.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. George B. Little, Rev. S. E. Bixby, Dea. Joseph Graves, Dea. A. Drummond.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. Wooster Parker, Rev. P. B. Thayer, Bros. Zenas Scales, Z. A. Waterhouse.

SOMERSET.—Rev. Sidney Turner, Rev. T. G. Mitchell, Dea. Thomas Dinsmore.

UNION.—Rev. John Dodd, Rev. Joseph Smith, Dea. B. Stevens.

WALDO—Rev. Nathaniel Chapman, Rev. Stephen Thurston, Bros. J. Y. Baker, L. R. Palmer.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. D. B. Sewall, Rev. W. T. Dickson, Dea. Wm. A. Crocker, Bro. Isaac Hobart.

YORK.—Rev. Wm. H. Wilcox, Rev. Samuel M. Gould, Rev. George W. Cressey, Dea. Nathaniel Emery, Bros. Josiah Joss, Wm. B. Sewall.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Officers.—Rev. David Shepley, Rev. Wooster Parker, Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, Dea. E. F. Duren, Bro. Samuel Sweetser.

Members of various Committees.—Rev. Drs. W. T. Dwight, J. J. Carruthers, B. Tappan, E. Pond, Geo. Shepherd, Asa Cummings, George E. Adams; Rev. Messrs. John Maltby, E. F. Cutter, S. Thurston, U. Balkam, A. Loring,

A. Cole, S. H. Hayes, J. P. Skeele, John O. Fiske, George B. Little, S. Souther, jr., J. H. Stearns, A. Morton, H. S. Loring, William H. Wilcox, E. A. Buck, P. Titcomb, J. P. Richardson, C. Hobart, J. Loring; Deacs. A. Drummond, Joseph Libbey, E. F. Duren: Brs. P. Eastman, John How.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies who fulfilled their appointments.—Rev. Messrs. John R. Adams, B. C. Chase, P. F. Barnard, W. T. Dickson, and (by Letter) Rev. Messrs. J. W. Chickering and J. Maltby.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Gen. Convention of Vermont, - - - - - - - -	Rev.	Franklin Butler.
Gen. Association of Massachusetts, - - - - - -	"	Joseph A. Copp.
" "	"	Benj. F. Hosford.
Evangelical Consociation of the Cong. Chs. Rh. Isl.	"	Thos Shepherd, D.D.
Gen. Association of Iowa, - - - - - - - - - -	"	H. W. Cobb.
Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O.S.) -	"	Joseph Warren, D.D.
" " " (N.S.) -	"	Henry B. Smith, D.D.
Maine Conference, Methodist Church, - - - - -	"	Ezekiel Robinson.
East Maine Conference, Meth. Church, - - - - -	"	Phineas Higgins.
Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, - - - - - - -	"	J. M. Bailey.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

Proceeded to the choice of Officers for the next three years:

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, of Dover, Piscataquis Conference, was elected Moderator.

Rev. STEPHEN H. HAYES, of Frankfort, Waldo Conference, Corresponding Secretary.

Dea. E. F. DUREN, of Bangor, Penobscot Conference, Recording Secretary.

Bro. SAMUEL SWEETSER, of Portland, Cumberland Conference, was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Rev. John Maltby, of Bangor, was appointed to fill a vacancy existing in the Committee of Nominations, by the removal of Rev. R. B. Thurston from the State.

The Report of the Treasurer, Dea. E. F. Duren, was read, duly audited by Dea. John McDonald. Receipts, $199,39. Expenditures, $241,21, including Balance due the Treasurer last year. The Report was accepted.

Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Belfast, and the two Secretaries, were appointed a Committee to incorporate into the By-Laws, the Resolutions adopted by Conference, in reference to the election of the Nominating Committee, and any other votes touching the regulations of the doings of Conference, not already introduced.

At 11 o'clock, according to an accepted Report of the Committee of Arrangements, a sermon was preached by Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., Professor in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, from Matt. 16: 3.—"Ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

Theme.—The signs of the times, as affecting the spiritual kingdom of Christ. Many of these are tokens for *good*. Among those *unfavorable*, were,

1. The absorption of our people, particularly the young, in the pursuit of worldly enterprises, especially of wealth.

2. A strong and subtle political influence on our religion.

3. Vagueness of views on the most important, and weightiest religious doctrines and themes.

4. The variety and conflicts of parties and opinions.

5. A practical disregard of the Church, and its ordinances.

6. The dearth of those unusual divine influences, which have in former times, blessed our land.

There were remedies for these, and all other evils, and it was for the Church to arouse itself to new energy in applying them.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Franklin Butler, of Vermont.

The 419th Select Hymn was sung—

"I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."—*(Olmutz.)*

After a report from Dr. Dwight, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, in reference to the exercises of the afternoon, which was accepted,

Conference adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ o'clock, P. M. The Choir sung a Select Piece—

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

The 2d chapter of Ephesians was read by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered by Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham.

The 149th Hymn was sung—

"Kindred in Christ."—*(Ward.)*

An hour was spent in "prayer, praise, and fraternal exhortation." Remarks were made by the Moderator, by Dr. Pond, and Revs. J. Maltby, of Bangor, D. Thurston of North Searsport, and D. Shepley, of Winslow.

Allusions were made to the devoted piety of the late Rev. NATHAN DOLE, once a beloved member of this Conference, but more recently Editor of the Publications of the A. B. C. F. M.

Sung the fifth and sixth verses of the 67th Select Hymn—

"The dearest idol I have known."—*(Dundee.)*

Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington, and Dea. A. Drummond, of Bangor, led in prayer.

Sung the fourth and fifth verses of the 35th Select Hymn—

"'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart."—*(Watchman.)*

At 3½ o'clock, the report of the Committee on Home Evangelization was read by the Chairman, Rev. S. H. Hayes.

Remarks on the subject were made by Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta, Rev. D. M. Mitchell, City Missionary, of Roxbury, Mass., Rev. Dr. Pond, and Rev J. Maltby, of Bangor, Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston, of Searsport, J. R. Adams, of Gorham, J. H. Stearns of Dennysville, J. Drummond, of Lewiston, and A. Morton, of Wilton.

The Report was accepted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Sung the first, second and third verses of the 378th Select Hymn—

"Jesus, Immortal King, Arise!"—*(Dedham.)*

At 5 o'clock, the Delegates to Corresponding Bodies were called upon to make their reports.

The following named Brethren responded:

Rev. P. F. Barnard, of Richmond, Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. B. C. Chase, of Camden, (elected 1853,) Delegate to General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham, Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. W. T. Dickson, of Eastport, Delegate to the Maine Baptist Convention.

Several others chosen, stated the reasons why they were not able to fulfil their appointment. Rev. J. W. Chickering, of Portland, Delegate to the Western Bodies, and Rev. J. Maltby, of Bangor, Delegate to the Maine Methodist Conference (East), communicated by Letter.

The Mercantile Association, and the Young Men's Christian Association, of Portland, extended an invitation to the members of the Conference, clergymen, and strangers, to visit their Rooms.

On motion, *Voted*, That a Committee be appointed by the Nominating Committee—

1. Further to consider and report on the subject of Home Evangelization, and enquire in what way the un-evangelized may be brought under the preaching of the Gospel.

2. To correspond with religious bodies of different denominations in our own and other States, with the design to secure aid and co-operation.

3. To enquire whether there should not be an active Committee, as a permanent arrangement, in each Religious Society; to enquire into the extent of non-attendance within their limits; into the extent of Church accommodations, and to use means to bring in the neglectors of worship.

4. With reference to our cities and larger towns, whether it is not the duty of all vigorous Churches of the various denominations to colonize, till they have taken possession, in the name of the Lord Jesus, of the whole ground covered by their population, and use every proper means to bring them into the house of God.

The choir sung with much spirit a select piece—

"Salvation belongeth unto the Lord."

Benediction by Rev. J. W. Chickering, of Portland.

After the calling of the Roll, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

The Annual meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday evening at 7½ o'clock.

The President, Rev. Dr. Tappan, in the Chair.

The Choir sung—

"My song shall be of mercy and of judgment."

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. Whittlesey, of Bath, and the preacher.

Sung the 48th Hymn Book I.—

"Awake our souls."—*(Duke St.)*

Sermon by Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, 1 Kings 19: 10.—"I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts."

Theme.—The divinity, humanity, power and success of a holy zeal for God.

Remarks were made by the President, in reference to the objects of the Society, and the need of funds for disbursing among the widows and children of deceased ministers.

A collection was taken, amounting to $131.

The choir sung a select piece—"Triumph."

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY ELECTED FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

Rev. Dr. Tappan, President; Dea. S. Adams, Vice President; Rev. E. F. Cutter, Secretary; Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Treasurer.

The President and Secretary, *ex-officio*, Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, E. Pond, E. Jones, D. Shepley, S. Tenney, I. Rogers, R. Woodhull, Trustees.

First Preacher for 1856, - - - - - Rev. H. S. Carpenter, of Portland.

Substitute, - - - - - - - - - - " G. W. Field, of Brewer.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

At 5¾ o'clock A. M. Prayer Meetings were held at the Third Church and the High street Church.

The meeting in the former, was conducted by Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport. Remarks and prayer were offered by him, and by Rev. E. G. Carpenter of Newcastle.

Remarks were added by Rev. D. Cushman of Sheepscot, Rev. S. M. Gould, of Biddeford, —— —— of New Hampshire, Rev. A. Morton, of Wilton, Dr. Carruthers, of Portland, and Rev. Wm. Clark, Dis. Sec'y. Am. Board.

Prayer offered by Rev. J. P. Skeele, of Hallowell, and Rev. A. Morse, of the Methodist Church.

The Meeting at High-street Church was conducted by Rev. D. Thurston, D.D. Remarks and prayer by him.

Remarks by Rev. Messrs. F. Butler, of Windsor, Vt., W. T. Dickson, of Eastport, J. P. Richardson, of Otisfield, J. B. Hadley, of Standish. Prayer by Rev. Messrs. D. M. Mitchell, of Roxbury, Mass., J. K. Mason, of Hampden, and Sewall Tenney of Ellsworth.

At 8 o'clock, the Conference met for Business.

Psalm 126th was read by the Moderator, and prayer offered by Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland.

Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham, and Rev. William Davenport, of Strong, were appointed to take the place of two members of the Committee of Nominations, whose term of office expires at this session.

On motion—

Voted, That the Publishing Committee make known to the several County Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, or whatever balance may be due, after appropriating the annual Collection at General Conference.

The Roll of Conference was called.

Adjourned to meet at the close of the Anniversary of the Maine Branch of American Education Society, this afternoon.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At 9 o'clock, this Society held its 48th Anniversary.

The President, Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D. D., read the 17th chapter of John.

Sung Psalm 72, second part—

"Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun,"—*(Rockingham.)*

Prayer by the President.

The Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, of Rockland, from 1 Corinthians, 9: 23. "And this I do, for the Gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you,"

The course of the Apostle—the cause and the reason for it. Our duty to spread the Gospel, and to sustain those who, like Paul, are laboring for its diffusion.

The Report of the Treasurer, John How, Esq., duly audited, was read and accepted. Receipts of the Society, $15,848,09—all appropriated.

Dr. Tappan, Secretary, in behalf of the Trustees, presented their Report.

Fields of labor occupied during the year, 87—comprising 96 churches, and 30 towns and plantations where there are no churches—41 have been supplied all the time—13 three-fourths—16 one-half—21 one-fourth—87 Missionaries employed. Added to the missionary churches by profession, 108—by letter, 47—hopeful conversions, 192.

Rev. E. B. Webb, of Augusta, moved the acceptance and publishing of the Report, accompanying the motion with remarks.

"Five minutes" speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. S. H. Merrill, of Bluehill, D. Cushman, of Sheepscot, S. L. Pomroy, D. D., of Boston, Secretary of the Am. Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, E. G. Carpenter, of New Castle, John O. Fiske, of Bath, H. W. Cobb, of Tipton, Iowa, and G. E. Adams, D. D., of Brunswick.

A resolution was introduced by Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Belfast, having reference to the enlargement of donations to the Society, so that after our own State is furnished with Missionary labors, a portion of the funds may be paid into the Treasury of the American Home Missionary Society, thus providing for the pressing wants of the Great *West*, where so many of the sons of Maine are now located.

This called forth stirring appeals from the mover, and Rev. Messrs. Dr. Tappan, J. Drummond, of Lewiston, H. W. Cobb, C. H. Gates, of Iowa, A. E. Ives, of Castine, S. Souther, of Fryeburg, Prof. R. D. Hitchcock, of Brunswick, and others.

Some were of the opinion that all that could be raised here, was needed to increase the pay of the Missionaries already employed, and to open new fields of labor in this State. Among them were Rev. Messrs. H. S. Carpenter, of Portland, U. Balkam, of Lewiston, J. O. Fiske, of Bath, and Dea. William A. Crocker, of Machias.

At the suggestion of Dr. Pond, the matter was finally left to the decision of the Trustees.

A contribution was taken, amounting to $135.

The closing prayer was by Rev. John W. Chickering, of Portland.

The Officers of the Maine Missionary Society, for the year, are—

President, Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D.; *Vice President*, Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D.; *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D.; *Treasurer*, John How, Esq., of Portland; *Auditors*, W. D. Little, and W. C. Mitchell.

Trustees,—President, *Ex Officio*; Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, D.D., B. Tappan, D.D., J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., E. Pond, D.D., E. F. Cutter, J. W. Chickering, D. Shepley, S. Thurston, I. Rogers, and John How, Esq.

The next Annual Meeting of the Society, will be held on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1856, in Calais.

First Preacher, - - - - - - -	Rev. Prof. D. Talcott Smith.
Substitute, - - - - - - -	Rev. George B. Little.

AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At 2½ o'clock, P. M., the Anniversary of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, was held.

Rev. David Thurston, D.D., President, in the Chair.

Select piece by the Choir—

"Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound."

Prayer by the President.

Anthem—"Head of the Church Triumphant"—composed for the occasion, by R. C. Pennell.

The report of the Directors was read by the Secretary, Prof. Hitchcock, of Bowdoin College.

Forty-two Beneficiaries have been aided by the Society, to whom appropriations have been made, amounting to $2068. The amount received from sixty Churches in this State, $1000. The balance was paid by the Parent Society.

Remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. J. S. C. Abbott, of Brunswick, Dr. H. B. Smith, of New York, S. H. Willey, of San Francisco, California, H. N. Tarbox, Secretary of the American Education Society, of Boston, and Prof. Hitchcock; and the report was adopted.

Officers Elected—Rev. D. Thurston, D.D., *President*; Rev. E. Pond, D.D., *Vice President*; Rev. Prof. R. D. Hitchcock, *Secretary*; Rev. Prof. William Smyth, of Brunswick, *Treasurer*; President and Secretary, Rev. Messrs. D. Shepley, B. Tappan, D. D., and Asa Cummings, D. D., *Directors*.

Adjourned.

At 4 o'clock, P. M., the Conference resumed its session.

United in singing the 117th Psalm—

"From all that dwell below the skies."—*(Old Hundred,)*

Led, as usual, by the excellent Organ and efficient Choir of the Church.

The report of the Annual Committee to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor, was read by the Chairman, Rev. J. H. Stearns, of Dennysville; accepted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

Rev. J. H. Stearns, Dr. Tappan, and Rev. S. Thurston, added remarks, touch-

ing the interests of the Seminary; especially the need of a Chapel, with a secure Library-room, and the endowment of the new Professorship, to which the Rev. Samuel Harris has been elected.

The Trustees have engaged Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston and S. H. Hayes, to make an effort to secure the requisite funds.

Sung Psalm 98th, Second Part, third, fourth and sixth verses—

"Let strangers walk around
The city where we dwell."—*(St. Thomas.)*

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, and seconded by Rev. S. C. Fessenden, of Rockland—and after remarks from each it was *adopted unanimously*.

Resolved, That the law of this State for suppressing the sale of alcoholic liquors, meets our cordial approval. Its necessity has been abundantly demonstrated, and we believe it to be our duty, to use our influence, in every proper manner, for its vigorous enforcement, and to prevent its repeal, or any essential modification of its provisions.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Robinson, Delegate from the Maine Methodist Conference.

Public services closed with the Benediction, by Rev. David Thurston, D.D, and Select Music by the Choir.

Business Meeting. The Committee of Nominations made by their Chairman, Rev. A. Loring, the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES:

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Fourth Tuesday of August (28th,) 1855, in North Church, Concord.

Rev. J. H. Garman, Primary. Rev. J. Smith, Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Third Tuesday of June, (17th,) 1856, at Waterbury.

Rev. H. M. Stone, Primary. Rev. P. Titcomb, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

(Fourth Tuesday of June, (24th,) 1856, in Essex South, (probably Salem.)

Rev. S. H. Merrill, Primary. Rev. John C. Adams, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Third Tuesday of June, (17th,) 1856, at Middletown.

Rev. John Dodd, Primary. Rev. T. G. Mitchell, Substitute.

EVANGELICAL CONSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, RHODE ISLAND.

Second Tuesday of June, (10th,) 1856, in Central-street Church, Providence.

Rev. U. Balkam, Primary. Rev. S. H. Loring, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

August 22, 1855, at Spencer Port, Munroe County.

Rev. W. H. Wilcox, Primary. Rev. R. M. Sawyer, Substitute.

PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN.

First Thursday in October, (4th,) 1855, at Beloit.

Rev. J. Drummond, Primary. Rev. S. C.

OHIO CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.
Third Tuesday of June, (17th,) '56, at Dayton.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.
Last Tuesday of May, (27th,) '56, at Jackson.
Rev. E. B. Webb, } Primaries.
" B. Tappan, D. D., }

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.
Third Thursday of May, (15th,) '56, at ——
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.
First Wednes'y in June, (4th,) '56, at Grinnell.
Rev. E. Whittlesey, } Substitutes.
" E. G. Carpenter, }

CONGREGATIONAL UNION NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.
Thursday, Oct. 11, 1854, at Liverpool, N. S.
Annual Meeting, Thursday, July 10th, 1856, probably in Sheffield, N. B.
Rev. S. H. Keeler, Primary. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.
Second Wednesday of June, (11th,) 1856, at Hamilton, Canada West.
Rev. J. Carruthers, D. D., Primary. Rev. A. T. Loring, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (O. S.)
Third Thursday of May, (15th,) 1856, in the First Presbyterian Church, New York City.
Rev. J. Maltby, Primary. Rev. C. Hurd, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (N. S.)
Third Thursday of May, (15th,) 1856, in the Presbyterian Church, on Madison Square, New York City.
Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., Primary. Rev. S. M. Gould, Substitute.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.
June, 1856, at Gardiner.
Rev. D. Garland, Primary. Rev. D. Gerry, Substitute.

EAST MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.
June, 1856, at Bucksport.
Rev. A. J. Bates, Primary. Rev. C. H. Wheeler, Substitute.

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.
Third Tuesday of June, (17th,) 1856, at Rockland.
Rev. J. R. Munsell, Primary. Rev. D. Thurston, D. D., Substitute.

FREE-WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.
Western—Third Wednesday of June, (18th,) 1856, in York County.
Kennebec—Fourth Wednesday of June, (25th,) 1856, at Lewiston Falls.
Penobscot—Third Wednesday of August, (20th,) 1856, at Corinth.
Rev. J. B. Hadley, Primary. Rev. A. W. Fiske, Substitute.

COMMITTEE ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.
Rev. Messrs. John R. Adams, W. L. Hyde, T. G. Mitchell, S. Thurston, F. B. Wheeler, S. Souther, S. Tenney, A. Loring.

COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF MINISTERS.
Rev. Drs. Dwight, Pond, Tappan and Cummings, and Rev. Levi Loring.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.
Rev. S. Souther, Jr.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.
Rev. E. F. Duren, Rev. S. H. Hayes, and Rev. Dr. Pond.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

Aroostook Conference—Rev. John E. M. Wright, of Burlington.
Cumberland Conference—Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham.
Franklin Conference—Rev. Alpha Morton, of Wilton.
Hancock Conference—Rev. Henry K. Craig, of Bucksport.
Kennebec Conference—Rev. David Shepley, of Winslow.
Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference—Rev. Daniel Cushman, of Damariscotta.
Oxford Conference—Deacon E. Brett, of South Paris.
Penobscot Conference—Rev. George W. Field, of Brewer.
Piscataquis Conference—Rev. John A. Perry, of Blanchard.
Somerset Conference—Rev. Henry S. Downs, of Norridgewock.
Union Conference—Rev. Joseph Smith, of Lovell.
Waldo Conference—Brother L. R. Palmer, of Belfast.
Washington Conference—Rev. John C. Adams, of East Machias.
York Conference—Rev. John Orr, of Alfred.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1856, in Calais, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Messrs. S. H. Keeler, H. Q. Butterfield, D. B. Sewall, Hon. Geo. Downes.

PREACHERS.

Rev. J. R. Munsell, Primary. Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., Substitute.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Messrs G. W. Hathaway, A. Loring, A. Cole, J. Maltby. J. R. Adams, W. Davenport,

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Conference assembled according to adjournment.

The choir sung "Denmark."

Reading the Scriptures, (Ephesians, third chapter,) and Prayer, by Rev. B. F. Hosford, of Haverill, Mass.

Rev. Dr. Dwight presented the claims of the CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

He closed his remarks with offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference highly approve of the design of the Congregational Board of Publication, at Boston, to furnish Pastor's Libraries to the churches of our denomination in the Western States; and that we commend this Board to the notice and favorable regard of our own churches in this State.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick, then presented the aims, purposes and work of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, and reasons for a hearty and efficient co-operation with that Society.

Rev. D. Thurston, D.D., appeared in behalf of the AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

The choir sung a Select Piece—

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,"

The objects and claims of the AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION, were presented by Rev. P. J. Leo, a Lecturer and Agent of the Society.

Rev. Isaac Willey, of N. H., Agent of the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, appeared in its behalf, and the following resolutions, presented by him, were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference has sympathy with the American Bible Society, in its efforts to give the widest circulation to the word of God, and recommends to the churches in its connection, to make a collection, in its behalf, once in each year.

2. *Resolved*, That in view of the blessings of the Bible, to the citizens of this State, in all their interests and relations, this Conference encourages, a thorough and systematic supply.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements, read and accepted.

The services were closed with prayer led by Rev. H. S. Carpenter, of the State-street Church, Portland, and the singing of "Easter Anthem," by the choir.

Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY, JUNE 27.

At 5¼ o'clock, a prayer meeting was held, conducted by Rev. J. R. Adams, of Gorham. Remarks and prayer were made by him; also, remarks by Rev. S. M. Gould of Biddeford, Bro. Charles Blanchard, of Boston, and Dr. Carruthers, of Portland.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Messrs. N. Church, of the Methodist Church, C. A. Aiken, of Yarmouth, William Clark, District Secretary of the Am. B. C. F. M., and J. Maltby, of Bangor.

A similar meeting was held at the High-street Church, at the same hour, conducted by Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, by whom remarks and prayer were offered; also, by Rev. Messrs. H. W. Cobb, of Iowa, B. C. Chase, of Camden, D. M. Mitchell, of Roxbury, Mass., George Darling, of Wiscasset, J. H. Stearns of Dennysville, Dr. Blake, of Massachusetts, J. W. Chickering, of Portland, and Joseph Smith, of Lovell.

Both of these meetings continued one hour each.

At 8 o'clock, the Conference assembled according to adjournment.

The Scriptures were read by the Moderator, (Psalm 122,) and prayer was offered by Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.

The roll of Conference was called.

Resolutions from the General Association of Iowa, on the subject of Church extension, were introduced by Rev. H. W. Cobb, Delegate from that body, which, after remarks by him, and Rev. John O. Fiske, Rev. Dr. Dwight, and Rev. Dr. Smith, Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.,) were referred to a Committee of three, viz: Drs. Dwight and Tappan, and Rev. C. Hobart, of North Yarmouth.

Rev. Dr. Shepard, of Bangor, of the Committee appointed last year "on the

best mode of conducting the sessions of this Conference," reported two recommendations, viz:

1. That the Conference Sermon be preached at the opening of the session, and that there be no Sermon in connection with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

2. If time may be gained by any mode of economy, that it be given to the reading of some able, condensed, suggestive paper, on a subject previously assigned; a subject which shall lead to the examination of the great principles of Christian truth and duty; the reading to be followed by a free discussion on the part of the Conference.

The remainder of the report, though not fully matured, being called for, was read, and after remarks by Rev. Messrs. R. Woodhull, of Thomaston, E. Jones, of Minot, E. F. Cutter, of Belfast, and Dr. Adams of Brunswick, it was,

On motion, *Voted*, To recommit the whole to Rev. J. O. Fiske of Bath, Dr. G. E. Adams, of Brunswick, and Rev. J. P. Skeele, of Hallowell, to report at this, or the next meeting.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Warren, who, for sixteen years, has been laboring as a Missionary in India.

Select piece by the Choir—

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning."

Rev. S. Souther, Committee on Sabbath Schools, made the annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Publishing Committee.

The objects of the American Colonization Society were presented by Rev. R. R. Gurley of Washington, D. C.

An Anthem was sung—"Praise the Lord, ye Heavenly Choir."

Rev. S. L. Pomroy, D. D., Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, spoke of the claims of this great cause.

The following Corresponding Bodies were represented, reports made and Christian Salutations given, by the Delegates whose names are appended:

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Joseph A. Copp, of Chelsea.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Franklin Butler, of Windsor.

Evangelical Consociation of Congregational Churches of Rhode Island—Rev. Thomas Shepard, D. D., of Bristol.

General Association of Iowa—Rev. H. W. Cobb, of Tipton.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.)—Rev. Joseph Warren, D. D., of India.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)—Rev. Henry B. Smith, D. D., of New York City.

Maine Methodist Conference—Rev. Ezekiel Robinson, of Sacarrappa.

Maine Methodist Conference, (East)—Rev. Phinehas Higgins, of Hampden.

Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. F. M. Bailey, of Portland.

A Fraternal Letter was read by Rev. J. W. Chickering, of Portland, from the Rev. J. Wheelock Allen, of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, Delegate from the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, who had intended to fulfil his appointment in person.

The Congregational Union of Canada also conveyed "its cordial affection and fraternal Christian regards," in a communication from their Delegate, Rev. John Fraser, of Kingston, Canada West, which was read by Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Portland.

Both of these Letters are published in the Christian Mirror of July 10, 1855.

United in singing the 419th Select Hymn—

"I love thy kingdom, Lord."—*(Lisbon.)*

The report of the State of the Churches connected with this Conference, was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of Frankfort, accepted, and ordered to be published, with the Minutes.

Sung—

"To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One."—*(Old Hundred.)*

Dr. Dwight made the following report, accompanied by remarks:

The Committee to whom were referrred the Resolutions of the General Association of Iowa, which have been presented by their Delegate, would report the following Resolves, for the adoption of the Conference:

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference regards the principles which are expressed in the first of these Resolutions, as equitable and fraternal; and as affording the proper basis of co-operation between our Presbyterian brethren and ourselves.

2. *Resolved*, That the measure lately adopted by the General Assembly (N. S.) at St. Louis, for employing "Exploring or Itinerant Presbyterian Missionaries and the planting of Presbyterian Churches in advance of all others in towns or neighborhoods," should be carried into effect in full accordance with these principles; and that their contravention or disregard in any case, would be inconsistent with the proper co-operation of Congregationalists and Presbyterians in the great work of Home Missions.

The report was adopted, and copies ordered to be sent to the Scribe of the General Association of Iowa, and to the Committee on Church Extension, appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

The first Resolution of the General Association of Iowa, referred to in the above report, is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That we regard the principles expressed by this Association, at its meeting in June, 1852, viz: 'That we regard the evils of division so great, that we cordially recommend a union of members of both denominations, (Congregationalists and Presbyterians) in one Church, in those places where there ought to be only one organization;' also, 'That the only proper ground of union in such communities, is for the majority to decide upon the form of Church government, after a full understanding of the subject;' as presenting an equitable and practicable basis of co-operation between ourselves and our Presbyterian brethren."

After the Benediction, by Rev. S. H. Hayes, the Conference adjourned.

CLOSING SESSION.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., Introductory devotional services by Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington.

The 7th Hymn, 3d Book, was sung—

"When I survey the wondrous Cross."—*(Duke Street)*

Sermon by Rev. G. Shepard, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Bangor, from John 1:14—"And *we beheld his* glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the *Father." To gather and* present a few gleams of the glory of Christ, was the *preacher's object.*

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Prayer by Rev. Thomas Shepard, D. D., of Rhode Island.

Remarks and presentation of the Elements, by Rev. Joseph Warren, D. D., of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport.

Giving of thanks, by Rev. Benjamin F. Hosford, of Massachusetts.

Deacons Drummond, of Bangor, Adams, of Castine, Crocker, of Machias, Storer and Crie, of the Third Church, Larrabee, of the Second Church, Evans, of the High-street Church, and Packard, of the State-street Church, Portland, distributed the Elements.

The Collection taken, amounted to $71,82.

Sung 13th Hymn, 3d Book—

"How sweet and awful is the place,
With Christ within the doors."—*(Dundee.)*

On motion of Rev. E. B. Webb, of Augusta, it was

Voted, That the thanks of this Conference be given to Mr. Pennell, the Organist, to Mr. Francis Blake, the Leader, and to the members of the Choir, for the constancy, promptness, and very acceptable manner, in which they have led the praises of the Sanctuary, during their present session.

Voted, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby given to the families of the Third Parish Church, and sister Churches in Portland, and to the people of this city, for the abundant kindness and hospitality extended to them during their temporary abode here.

The politeness of the Mercantile Association, and of the Young Men's Christian Association, in proffering free access to their Rooms, must be included in the above.

The Moderator remarked, that no votes could be passed with more sincerity and earnestness than these.

The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Prof. Shepard, of Bangor.

The Conference then adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, June 24th, 1856, at Calais.

E. F. DUREN, *Recording Secretary.*

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Through the good hand of our God upon us we have been permitted once more to come up to this Anniversary, and to sit together again in heavenly places. Well may we count these seasons as among our more precious foretastes of heaven. We have left, for a little time, our fields of labor, to meet in unrestrained and most precious christian intercourse, to enjoy the divine presence, and recount the divine goodness. There is, however, this difference—we soon return to our toil—but then the last victory will be won, and we put off our armor forever.

The past has been to the Churches a year of mercies; not that there has been any general awakening, or any thing of remarkable historic interest, but there have been those who have prayed for the peace of Jerusalem, and to a good degree, peace has been within her walls, and prosperity in her palaces.

In the returns of the various local Conferences, there is pleasing evidence of unusual care in the statistical tables, and we doubt not, our repeated efforts have had a tendency to renovate the Church Records generally, and we trust the process will go on. The reports on the state of religion within the bounds of the Conference, have been very deficient, and we have been obliged to draw from such other sources as have come within our reach.

All Churches that returned their male and female members in separate columns, are put down as fully reported; all others, however, are included in the aggregate. But the tables of this year, compared with those of last year, will show some discrepancy. This arises from inaccurate returns.

We attach no importance to bare figures, but when they involve great interests, if used at all, they should be used accurately.

This Report, with few exceptions, covers one year, and it will be seen that the gracious influences of the Spirit have been more manifest than for several preceding years. Many precious revivals are reported, and some are still in progress. Few, however, of the fruits of these revivals have been gathered into the Churches, and yet more have already been received, than in any one during the last ten years. In this period, the average of admissions by profession, has been 321 annually. This year, 630 have been received on profession of their faith. The total average of admissions by profession and by letter, for the ten years, is 541 annually; this year it is 959, or 418 more than the average of admissions for the last ten years.

Thus while some of us have much reason to reproach ourselves for unfaithfulness, and inquire wherefore have the Spirit's influences been so long withheld, we still have cause to bless God for his goodness toward us. Not one of all the Pastors of these Churches has fallen by death, and only one of all the laborers, Wm. Greenleaf Cheney, for a short time a faithful Missionary in Jackson and Brooks, has ceased from his work. And as we pass rapidly over our large territory, in many places we shall recognize tokens of the Divine presence and power.

Aroostook Conference, the youngest of the confederacy, was organized 11 years ago, and embraces 11 Churches, many of which are literally in the wilderness, and at no point can they meet, without making the travel of some of them more than 75 miles. To attend their Conferences, some have come on foot 10 and 15 miles—females too, to sit in heavenly places, with tears moistening their eyes at almost every sentence of Gospel truth.

There are 6 Ministers, none of whom are Pastors; also, Rev. M. R. Keep, at No. 11, where there is no Church.

Rev. C. J. Lawton, many years since Pastor of the Church in Searsport, then Prospect, has within the year gone to his rest. He was a good man, and a pillar in the little Church at Passadumkeag, of which he was for many years a member. His death occurred in the latter place, May 21, 1854; aged 75 years.

The Church in Monticello, has merely a nominal existence. A few cases of conversion are reported in Patten, Lincoln and Burlington. The total of members in all these Churches, is 147.

Cumberland Conference comprises 34 Churches and 33 Ministers, of whom 15 are Pastors. During the year now reported, Rev. L. Wiswall has been settled in Windham, Rev. C. A. Aiken in Yarmouth, Rev. C. Packard in New Gloucester, Rev. A. H. Tyler over the first Church in Falmouth, Rev. J. Loring in Pownal, and Rev. U. Balkam is Pastor elect, of the Pine-street Church in Lewiston, organized within *the year. This is* the largest and best endowed of the whole sisterhood *of Conferences. Many* items of interest might be gathered from these *Churches. In Baldwin*, with 1 male and 6 female members, an effort has *been made to buy or build* a parsonage. In Durham, the society have erected a *small but convenient house of* worship, and a few names are soon to be added to

the Church. In the Second Church, in Falmouth, there is an increasing interest. In Gorham, much that is cheering is reported, especially in connection with the Sabbath School. In New Gloucester, a parsonage has been purchased, some improvements made in the sanctuary, and some tokens of the divine presence enjoyed, leading to the hopeful conversion of 8 young persons, and to the seriousness of others. In Yarmouth there have been gracious influences of the Spirit, and some 30 in the place, it is hoped, have passed from death to life. The Churches in Portland have shared in these blessings, and 137 have been added by profession, most of whom were received to the State-street Church.

The College in Brunswick has been visited by divine influences as the following statement will show:

"Within a few years past an important change has taken place in the religious condition of the college. A blessing has manifestly attended the effort to establish, in the Collins Professorship of Natural and Revealed Religion, increased means of religious instruction. The results thus far have fully justified the effort. An increased respect for evangelical truth and a new interest in the subject of religion has been awakened. Within the last year, in particular, an important advance has been made. The attendance upon the weekly religious meeting of the College has been large, and still continues with unabated interest. A number of conversions have occurred, and religious impressions have been made of the most hopeful character. Professors of religion in College have been lead to a higher sense of their religious duties and responsibilities, and, in general, the religious tone of the College has been highly improved.

While other means and instrumentalities have materially conspired to this result, the change, so full of promise, must in a very high degree be attributed, under the blessing of God, to the invaluable services, the christian zeal, and the unwearied efforts of the College Pastor, for the spiritual welfare of the young men specially committed to his care.

The friends of religion have occasion to rejoice in the religious prosperity of the College, and to regard it with new confidence and hope, as a nursery not only of a high intellectual culture, but of true piety and virtue. Parents mainly anxious for the salvation of their children, may, it is believed, safely commit their children to it, with the expectation that their religious welfare will be duly cared for, and that here, as in other similar Institutions, the "Spirit's influences may be experienced, and prayer be answered."

This statement made by one thoroughly acquainted with the College for many years, may be relied upon with the fullest confidence; and must commend that beloved Institution anew to the sympathies and the unceasing prayers of the Churches of Christ of every denomination; for there to a great extent are we to look for an educated Ministry. Total of members in the Conference, 3961.

Franklin Conference embraces 13 Churches and 11 Ministers, of whom 4 are Pastors. Rev. Stephen Titcomb having been settled over the Church in Weld, on the 6th instant, does not properly come within the period of this report. The Church in Wilton has enjoyed an interesting revival. Total of members, 632.

Hancock Conference comprises 11 Churches, 9 Pastors, 4 stated supplies, one of whom, however, Rev. A. E. Ives has been installed in Castine since the period of this report closed. Rev. S. H. Merrill, late of Oldtown, is Pastor elect of the Church in Bluehill. Rev. W. A. Merrill is laboring in Deer Isle. The Church in West Brooksville are making efforts to erect a house of worship. Several of these Churches have experienced some quickening during the last winter, especially that in Sedgwick. Rev. H. K. Craig has been ordained over the Church in Bucksport, with prospect of much usefulness. The total of members in this Conference is 866.

Kennebec Conference contains 17 Churches and 10 Ministers, of whom 6 are Pastors. "One venerable Father, Rev. David Thurston," says the Report, "for a long time pastor of the Church in Winthrop, and more recently having supplied at Vassalboro, has, much to our regret removed from the bounds of our Conference," to labor in another field; and Rev. R. B. Thurston has been called to settle over a Church in another State. The Churches are generally reported as outwardly prosperous. In Hallowell, upwards of $4,000 have been expended on their house of worship, which has added at least one-fourth to the congregation. The Church in Augusta has enjoyed a pleasant refreshing from the Lord; a quiet, prolonged, precious work; and about twenty persons are rejoicing in Christ. Some mercy drops have fallen in other places. Total of members 1070.

Lincoln Conference includes 24 churches and 16 ministers, of whom 7 are pastors. The state of religion is encouraging. The Weeks-street Church in Bath, and the second Church in Bristol have been organized within the year. Rev. Amasa Loring has been installed in Edgecombe, and Rev. George Darling has received a call to settle in Wiscasset. The pastor of the Winter-street

Church, Bath, says—"During the past year we have not been wholly without tokens of the Lord's presence and blessing. While the great body of the impenitent have remained in their unreconciliation to God, some have submitted themselves to him." In Newcastle and vicinity, there have been about 70 hopeful conversions, and 14 have been examined for admission to the Congregational Church. The Church in Thomaston has endured trials and is deprived of the labors of an able and faithful minister, after a residence among them of nearly a quarter of a century, yet God has visited them in mercy, converting some and reviving others. In Waldoboro' there has been a great and powerful work of grace; as the fruits of which, 46 have already been added to the Church. A few hopeful conversions have occurred in the Weeks-street Church, Bath, Rockland, Damariscotta, Warren, and Bristol. Truly a cloud of mercy has passed over this region. Total of members, 2024.

Oxford Conference contains 13 Churches, and 10 Ministers, of whom 5 are Pastors. No general revival has occurred, and there have been comparatively few conversions. Rev. A. T. Loring has been installed over the Church in Norway village, and Rev. Daniel Sewall over the Church in South Paris. The Church in Turner village has raised some $2,500 towards building a house of worship. Rev. Sidney Holmes has been invited to become their Pastor. The total of members, 715.

Penobscot Conference has 17 Churches and 11 Ministers, of whom 6 are Pastors. The Churches in Dedham, Orono, and Brewer, have been blessed with gentle but precious effusions of God's gracious influences, and quite a number, it is hoped, have been converted. Rev. Nathan Dole, formerly an efficient and beloved member of this Conference, fell asleep in Jesus, Saturday, June 16, at Brewer, whither he had been brought from Boston, that he might die among his old people. He lingered on the shores of time, and at last went down to the grave with the same heavenly temper, and unbroken trust, with which he had lived and labored. We are called also to record the early and lamented death of Mrs. Susan Pierce, wife of Rev. E. J. Pierce, of the Gaboon Mission, who was a short time since a beloved member of the Hammond-street Church, Bangor.

Total of members in this Conference is 1343.

Piscataquis Conference embraces 12 Churches and 6 Ministers, of whom 4 are Pastors. The venerable Father Sawyer, who, if spared, will complete his one hundredth year on the 9th of October 1855, also resides within the limits of this Conference.

In Garland, the work of the Lord has been somewhat revived, and 6 have been hopefully converted, of whom 2 will probably prepare for the ministry. In Monson the Church has been refreshed and it is hoped a few have passed from death unto life.

All these Churches are Missionary Churches. The "M. M. Society," says the Scribe, "is emphatically the mother of us all." They are small and feeble. About one-fifth of the members are non-resident, and yet the various benevolent objects receive their attention: they cherish the Sabbath School enterprise as the hope of the Churches. The temperance cause is onward.

But they have many discouragements. Their young and enterprising members generally remove, and go to build up large Churches in large places, or into distant fields. But they are not discouraged, nor should they be, for in this way they are doing much in the great field of the world. Total of Church members 593.

Somerset Conference contains 14 Churches, 9 Ministers, of whom 4 are Pastors. There have been no material changes during the year. Some of the Churches seem to be decreasing and some increasing. The Church and Society in Bloomfield have added $50 to the salary of their Pastor, and are talking about repairing their house of worship, or building a new one. The Church in Norridgewock have been blessed with a revival, and about 40 have indulged a hope in Christ. None of these have yet made a public profession of their faith. The total of members is 546.

Union Conference embraces 13 Churches and 10 Ministers, seven of them have Pastors, 2 are supplied the whole time, 2 half, and 1, one-fourth of the time, and one has a merely nominal existence. The Churches in Lovell and Otisfield have enjoyed a gentle rain of the Spirit. To the former 14, to the latter 10, have been added. It is mentioned, "to the praise of them that do well," that the little Church in Sweden, to whom Rev. C. B. Smith is now ministering, and which contains now less than 50 members, has raised during the year over $100 for benevolent purposes, which is about one-fourth of all reported. Total of members, 1026.

Waldo Conference contains 12 Churches and 10 Ministers, of whom six are Pastors. Rev. J. B. Howard, of Rockport, who was ordained in December, was soon compelled to leave from ill h[illegible]lth, and has asked his dismission.

There is much harmony in these Churches, and a general desire to support the institutions of religion. In some of the Churches, the presence of the Spirit has been manifest, and in North Belfast a goodly number seem to have been converted, and many family altars have been erected. Total of members, 829.

Washington Conference embraces 18 Churches and 12 Ministers, of whom 4 are Pastors. A Church has been organized in Alexander, 8 or 10 of whom were the fruit of a precious revival last autumn in the midst of a moral waste, where before there was scarcely a professor of religion in the town, a result under God, due to the Maine Missionary Society.

Most of these Churches, situated on our remote Eastern borders, report enlarged assemblies for public worship, Sabbath Schools unusually flourishing, and more attention generally to religious truth.

The Church in St. Stephens, N. B., has been visited with displays of divine grace. This Church constitutes a precious link, uniting the Congregationalism and the Christian sympathy of the British Provinces to ourselves. Their Pastor, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, is a native of Maine, was educated at our Seminary, and was ordained there in October last. This revival began early in the Spring. At that time the Pastor wrote, "God is with us. The blessing pours. A work so genial, so powerful, solemn, and withal so free from improper excitement, I never saw." It was unexpected. Says the Scribe of that Conference, "God came suddenly to his holy temple. His unlooked for appearance among the impenitent, was the signal for His people to get themselves in readiness. The result has been the conversion of some 60 or 70 persons, in the Society, of whom perhaps 10 or 12 are from the ages of 12 to 15 years. Others were far advanced in the course of impenitency. The different Societies shared in the blessing, and it is believed that more than 100 have passed from death to life."

The Church in Calais has enjoyed a similar work of grace. It progressed from a small beginning. The Spirit descended, not as at St. Stephens, but like a refreshing dew, which gradually became a gracious rain. Most of the subjects of this work are young, some in middle life, numbering 25 or 30 persons.

The Church in Dennysville has also received a blessing. The peculiarity of this work is, that it has extended over a wide area, thus differing from both the former. Only a few in the immediate vicinity of the Church edifice have been interested Most who have been converted have lived in the neighborhood outskirting the town, and have been, to a considerable extent, separate from each other.

In addition, conversions are reported in Eastport, Robbinston, and some other places, affording much cause of gratitude to the great Head of the Church for His mercy to this portion of our field. Total of members, 1057.

York Conference embraces 26 Churches and 24 Congregations, having 23 Ministers, of whom ten only are Pastors. Rev. Francis B. Wheeler has been installed over the Church in Saco; Rev. P. Titcomb is Pastor elect of the Church in Kennebunkport, and others who are supplying, may soon become Pastors.

Several of these Churches have been visited with special tokens of the Spirit's presence. The Second Church in Biddeford has been greatly refreshed and strengthened by reason of religious interest during the three past winters. "Within the last seven or eight months, about 100 persons have expressed concern of mind with reference to their salvation. Not far from 80 have spoken of the power of an endless life felt within them. During the past 18 months, 84 have been added by profession, and 21 by letter. Both the Churches in Buxton, the Church in Limerick, in Saco, and in Lyman, have experienced some degree of refreshing, and have added to their numbers. Total of members, 2128.

It will be perceived, from the foregoing statements, that there are some tokens that the Lord is about to turn the captivity of our Zion. Several new Churches have been organized, an unusual number of Ministers have been settled, and revivals have been multiplied. We have now 14 Local Conferences, 235 Churches, and 176 Ministers in the field. In addition to these, there are 38 who occasionally preach, and perform other ministerial labor. The total of members is 16,937, of whom 2,526 are reported as non-resident. A portion of these reside in the State, but most have probably removed.

Thus with all our reasons for humbling ourselves in penitential sorrow before God, we have abundant cause for gratitude. Dr. Chalmers said, "It is more difficult to praise than to pray." May we not have forgotten to bless the Lord for these mercies, that we are not forsaken, and that we have so many proofs that the Divine Spirit is still abiding among the Churches.

We close this report by suggesting to the Pastors of these Churches the duty of making ourselves and our people more thoroughly acquainted with the condition of our Zion throughout our borders, as a means of awakening a new interest, and inciting us to prayer and praise.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

S. S. SIGNIFIES STATED SUPPLY. * AS REPORTED LAST YEAR. IN THE DONATIONS, FRACTIONS OF DOLLARS ARE OMITTED.

The Post Office Address of Ministers will be found on pages 38—40.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, third Wednesday of January. Semi-Annual Meeting, third Wednesday of June, unless otherwise directed by the Conference.

Church and date of Organization		Minister and time of Settlement.		Admission		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Burlington	July 12, 1827	John E. M. Wright, s.s.	Oct. 1, 1852	1	2				9	12	21	4	1		80	39
Fort Fairfield	Oct. 9, 1843	Elbridge Knight, s.s.	Oct. 16, 1852				1		5	8	13	1		2	75	
Hodgdon	Sept, 25, 1845	R. W. Emerson, s.s.	Aug. 1, 1851				2		6	5	11				75	20
Houlton	Jan. 24, 1833	R. W. Emerson, s.s.	Mar. 1, 1855		4				5	10	15	2			20	
Letter F	Mar. 15, 1848								2	2	4				* 40	30
Lincoln	May 3, 1831	Alvan J. Bates, s.s.	Sep. 24, 1847	2		1			5	21	26	10	1		61	
Monticello	Jan. 25, 1833										* 4					
Passadumkeag	March 2, 1845					1			4	4	8	2			* 52	21
Patten	March 1, 1840	Ephraim Fobes, s.s.	1853						7	12	19	2			40	16
Salmon Brook	1845	E. Knight, s.s.	Oct. 1, 1852			1			3	6	9				35	6
Springfield, Carroll & Lee,	Mar. 15, 1846	Chs. H. Emerson, s.s.	June, 1855						8	9	17				30	3
ELEVEN.		SIX.		3	6	3	3		54	89	147	21	2	2	508	$135

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, Missionary, No. 11, Aroostook.

Annual Meeting at Lincoln. Jan. 17 and 18, 1855. Sermons by Rev. E. Fobes, 1 Cor. 7 : 29—31; Rev. J. R. Munsell, of Waldo Conference, Heb. 2 : 24—26; and Rev. J. E. M. Wright, 1 Peter 1 : 8.

Semi-Annual Meeting at No. 11, June 15, 16, and 17. Sermons by Rev. E. Fobes, Rev. A. J. Bates, 1 Cor. 15 : 58; Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Rom. 12 : 1, and 5 : 1; and R. W. Emerson. Next meeting at Patten, Jan. 16, 1856. Deac. Wm. Stevens, Moderator; Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Scribe and Treasurer.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed at Enfield, Dec. 12, 1851, meets the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of Conference. This Association once connected with Penobscot.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday next preceding second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday next preceding second Wednesday in January.

Church and date of Organization.			Minister and time of Settlement.			Admission		Removals.			Members.				Baptisms			
						Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.	Non-Residents.	Adult.	Infant.	Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
Auburn	May 1,	1844	Thos. N. Lord, s. s.		1851	1	3	5	3	1	58	99	157	15		3	80	$375
Baldwin	May,	1821	Cyril Pearl	Jan. 1,	1850						3	12	15	6			35	20
Brunswick		1747	G. E Adams, D.D.	Dec. 30,	1829	9	8	5	2		62	152	214	37		4	200	257
Cape Elizabeth		1734	C. E. Lord, s. s.		1854												*36	
Cumberland	Sept.,	1793	Joseph Blake	Mar. 3,	1841	2	1	3	3		41	84	125	17	1	6	80	175
Durham	March 9,	1796	Wm. V. Jordan, s. s.	Nov. 1,	1854			2			14	26	40	10			35	50
Falmouth, 1st,		1754	Amory H. Tyler	June 6,	1855	1	3	3	1				130				100	20
Falmouth, 2d,	Sept. 15,	1830											*82	*19			*87	45
Freeport	Dec. 21,	1839	Luther Conklin	Jan. 1,	1852	1	2	3	1				184	20		6	200	751
Gorham	April 4,	1750	John R. Adams	June 3,	1847	6	16	5	3		56	147	203	15	3	6	175	371
Gray	Oct. 25,	1803	Allen Lincoln	Nov. 25,	1845			3			18	32	50	7			78	48
Harpswell		1753	Jonas Fisk, s. s.	March,	1855			2			16	39	55	13			45	5
Lewiston Falls		1825	James Drummond	Oct. 12,	1842	3	6	2	†35	1	35	70	105	9	1	3	112	423
" Pine-st. Ch.	Aug. 8,	1854	Uriah Balkam, s. s.	Oct.	1854	2	6						56		1		75	
Mechanic Falls	June 15,	1840	Enos Merrill	Aug. 12,	1847	2		3	1		21	29	50	17		2	70	83
Minot	Sept. 8,	1791	Elijah Jones	Feb. 12,	1823		1	7	3		76	93	169	54		5	50	126
" West & Hebron		1849	G. F. Tewksbury, s. s.	March,	1855			1			6	19	25				80	
New Gloucester	Jan. 16,	1765	Charles Packard	Nov. 21,	1854	6	8	7			64	101	165	19	1	4	130	556
North Yarmouth	Oct. 1,	1806	Caleb Hobart,	Dec. 3,	1823	1		2	3		27	62	89	17	1	1	75	335
Poland	Nov. 2,	1825	Stephen Gould	June 2,	1847	1		1		2	15	29	44	21			53	
Portland, 2d Church	Nov. 30,	1787	J. J. Carruthers, D.D.	Aug. 9,	1846	15	14	5	10				379		3	6	235	1425
" 3d Church	Sept. 9,	1825	Wm. T. Dwight, D.D.	June 6,	1832	11	12	11	7		64	187	251	38	6	12	160	2155
" Abyssinian		1840	Benjamin Lynch	May 23,	1854	2	1	1	1		11	34	45	4		1	59	
" Bethel	Sept. 24,	1840	J. R. French	May 1,	1851			2			8	18	26					117
" High-street	Sept. 9,	1831	John W. Chickering	April 2,	1835	27	19	4	12		108	291	399	25			280	3221
" State-street	Mar. 17,	1852	Hugh S. Carpenter	April 21,	1853	82	15	1	1		62	110	172				305	1000
Pownal	Mar. 20,	1811	Joseph Loring	Feb. 7,	1855		3	6	6		40	69	109	24			*126	13
Raymond	Nov.	1813	N. W. Sheldon		1854				1		2	7	9					13
Scarborough	June 26,	1728	John H. Garman		1855								*105	*12			*75	190
Standish,	Oct.	1768	James B. Hadley	July 2,	1851		2	1	1		11	63	74	4			70	43
Westbrook, 1st	April 8,	1765	John B. Wheelwright,	s.s. June,	1855			2			10	23	33	1		1	*60	41
" 2d, (Sacarrappa)	Jan. 17,	1832	John L. Ashby	Nov. 13,	1851								*115				*70	52
Windham	Dec.	1743	Luther Wiswall	Sept. 20,	1854			2			14	42	56	14			75	30
Yarmouth	Nov 18,	1730	Charles A. Aiken	Oct. 19,	1855	4	10	10	9	2	68	162	230	26	1	14	225	815
THIRTY-FOUR.			THIRTY-THREE.			176	130	99	103	6	910	2000	3961	444	18	74	3530	12,755

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE---(Continued.)

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

John S. C. Abbott,	Brunswick.	William Smyth, Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Caleb Bradley,	Westbrook.	Egbert C. Smyth,	Brunswick.
James Carruthers,	Portland.	Henry G. Storer,	Scarborough.
Asa Cummings, D. D., Editor of the Christian Mirror,	Portland.	J. B. Thornton, Jr.,	Scarborough.
Roswell D. Hitchcock, Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.	J. W. Turner, Dis Sec'y Am. Tract Society,	Portland.
Daniel Kendrick,	Portland.	Thos. C. Upham, D. D., Prof. Bowdoin Coll.,	Brunswick.
Thomas Jameson,	Gorham.	Isaac Weston,	Cumberland Centre.
Henry A. Merrill,	Windham.	James Weston,	Standish.
Horatio Merrill,	Portland.	John Wilde,	Falmouth.
Alpheus S. Packard, Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.	Leonard Woods, D.D., Pres. Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Daniel J. Poor, Preceptor of Academy,	Gorham.	Franklin Yeaton, Family School for Boys,	New Gloucester.

W. L. Jones was ordained at Minot, September 7, 1854, and sailed November 15, for California, as a Missionary.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Portland, in State-street Church, January 9 and 10, 1855.

Sermons by Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Lincoln Conference, and Rev. A. Lincoln, of Gray. "Christ." Subjects discussed: "The Conversion of the World to Christ," "Lay Co-operation," "Personal Piety," and "Sabbath Schools."

Annual Meeting at New Gloucester, June 12 and 13.

Sermons by Rev. C. A. Aiken, Psalm 1:2—"Habitual Religious Meditation;" and Rev. S. Gould. Subjects introduced: The African Race, Home and Foreign Missions, Sabbath Schools, Support of the Gospel at Home, Closet Duties, Family Religion, Household Consecration, Faithfulness to the Impenitent.

Next Meeting at Yarmouth, January 8, 1856. Rev. Dr. Carruthers, Preacher; Rev. C. Hobart, Moderator; Rev. A. Lincoln, Scribe; Dea. D. Evans, of Portland, Treasurer.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed at Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of February; other Meetings on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. C. A. Aiken, Scribe.

† Thirty-one to Pine-street Church, Lewiston.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Wednesday in June and the Tuesday previous. No Semi Annual Meeting.

Church and date of Organization.	Minister and time of Settlement.	Admission.		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Chesterville, North, Feb. 25, 1790	Jonas Burnham, s. s. Jan. 1855	4	5	1	2		14	39	53	12	2	4	90	20
" Branch at Farmington Falls April, 1853	John Forbush, s. s. Dec. 1852												80	9
Farmington Dec. 14, 1814	Isaac Rogers, Mar. 9, 1826	2	3	1	5		49	59	108	30			70	126
Fayette 1838									17					4
Industry 1802	Jonas Burnham, s. s. May, 1855		1	2					68	25			60	15
Kingfield Oct. 2, 1830	David Turner, s. s. 1852		3	5	2		5	13	18	3	2	2		1
New Portland 1834	Eliph.S. Hopkins, s. s.† 1854								15					20
New Sharon Feb. 9, 1801	Leonard W. Harris, s. s. 1853	2	1	5					75	15				
New Vineyard Sept. 3, 1828				1					39					8
Phillips 1817	Samuel L. Gould, s. s. 1852	4		3			18	25	43	20	1	6	60	5
Strong March, 1810	Wm. Davenport, s. s. May 5, 1853	1		3			26	37	63				80	27
Temple Sep. 19, 1805	Simeon Hackett, s. s. June 12, 1851	2			3		13	28	41	28		1	60	20
Weld Aug. 17, 1809	Stephen Titcomb, June 6, 1855	8		1	5		20	20	40	5		4	100	21
Wilton Feb. 19, 1818	Alpha Morton, s. s. 1853	11		1			20	32	52	18	2		60	21
THIRTEEN.	ELEVEN.	34	13	23	17		165	253	632	156	7	17	660	$297

Annual Meeting at West's Mills, Industry, June 12, 13, 1856. Sermons by Rev. Dr. Tappan, Matt. 6 : 23; Rev. A. Morton, Gen. 3 : 9; 1 Kings 19 : 9, and Rev. J. Forbush, 1 Cor. 11 ; 26.

Subjects discussed,—Family Religion, Sabbath Schools, Revivals of Religion, Domestic Missions, Christ Crucified, Gratitude to God, The rising generation, Church Discipline.

Next Meeting at New Sharon, June 10, 1856, Rev. S. Titcomb, Rev. A. Morton, 1st and 2d Preachers ; Rev. J. Rogers, Moderator and Treasurer ; Oliver Sewall of North Chesterville, Scribe.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION, organized August, 1838. United with Somerset in 1853. (See Somerset, page 31.)

† At North New Portland.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting First Tuesday in June.

Aurora & Amherst	Sep. 14, 1830	Henry S. Loring,	June 20, 1850			2	2		14	15	29	9		1	110	65
Bluehill	Oct. 7, 1772	Sam'l H. Merrill s. s.	Sept. 1854				1		39	69	108			3	89	73
Bucksport	May 12, 1803	Henry K. Craig	Jan. 24, 1855		1	3			34	84	118				117	327
Brooksville West,	Jan. 4, 1826										* 53				* 75	1
Castine	1820	Alfred E. Ives	June 20, 1855			1	2		18	52	70	6			140	420
Deer Isle	1773	Wm. A. Merrill s. s.	April, 1855	4		5					*188	13		5	100	44
Ellsworth	Sep. 8, 1812	Sewall Tenney	Nov. 11, 1835	3	3	2	3				103			5	155	375
Orland	Sep. 25, 1850	Hiram Houston	Sep. 25, 1850					2	8	21	29	1			90	115
Sedgwick & Br'ksv'l.	July 8, 1793						2		18	16	34	11			32	
Sedgwick village	Oct. 28, 1847	Lewis Goodrich s. s.	1353								* 32				* 75	
Tremont & Mt. Desert	Oct. 17, 1792	Samuel Bowker s. s.	Sept. 1851	1	1	3	1		36	66	102				75	95
ELEVEN.		NINE.		8	5	16	11	2	167	323	866	40		14	1058	$1515

Ordained Ministers,—Charles M. Brown, Mt. Desert; Joshua Eaton, Isle au Haut.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Bucksport, Oct. 18, 1854.

Annual Meeting at Ellsworth June 6, 7, 1856. Sermons by Rev. H. K. Craig, Isa. 28: 16; Rev. S. Bowker, Luke 12: 32; Rev. W. Parker of Piscataquis Conference, Prov. 4: 23; Rev. S. H. Merrill, 2 Cor. 4: 18. Subjects introduced,—The relation of the Church to its Great Head, and to the world; Sabbath Schools; Seamen's Cause; Home and Foreign Missions.

Next meeting at Sedgwick village, Nov. 6, 1855. Rev. A. E. Ives and Rev. H. K. Craig, 1st and 2d Preachers. Dea. S. Adams, of Castine, Moderator; Rev. H. S. Loring, Scribe and Treasurer.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, formed at Sedgwick, September 21, 1797. Meetings, first week in June, second in August, November and February. Rev. H. Houston, Scribe.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, fourth Tuesday in January.

Church and date of Organization.	Minister and time of Settlement.	Admission		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Ext.	Males.	Females	Total.		Adult	Infant.		
Albion Sept. 1803									*30					2
Augusta, North Dec. 23, 1829					1		6	18	24	7				
" South Oct. 1794	Edwin B. Webb Sept. 11, 1850	7	3	5	8		66	169	235	29	6	5	300	1091
Benton 1851				1			2	13	15	5			40	25
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Windsor	1820										*28					
Winslow	Aug. 27, 1828	David Shepley, s. s.	Sept. 1, 1851	5	1	1			18	50	68	23	2	2	75	50
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Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Secretary of Maine Missionary Society, Augusta.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Hallowell, Jan. 23, 24. 1855.

Annual Meeting at Winthrop, June 12, 13, 1855. Sermons by Rev William Clark, Dis. Sec'y Am. Board C. F. M., Acts 26: 16, 17, 18; Rev. Dr. Tappan, Luke 9: 30, 31. Topics of remark: "The unemployed or perverted talent of the Church," "The duty of Christians to the Church"—"How should they use their talents for its edification and purity." "Their duties to the Sabbath School,—the heathen world,—the moral reforms of the day." "How should they use their talents and wealth to bring those around them who do not attend meeting, under the influence of the Gospel?" Colonization Cause presented by Rev. R. R. Gurley.

Next Meeting in Waterville, Jan. 22, 1856. Rev. D. Shepley, Moderator; Rev. P. F. Barnard, Scribe and Treasurer.

KENNEBEC ASSOCIATION formed at Pittston. July 24, 1816. Meets fourth Tuesday in April, July and October, and on Monday preceding fourth Tuesday in January. Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln, under the name of "Lincoln and Kennebec (Ministerial) Conference."

† Francis Southworth, from July, 1855.

Alna	Sept. 27, 1796	Samuel Talbot,	Oct. 5, 1842			3	1		28	57	85	20			45	43
Bath, Winter-st Ch.	Dec. 8, 1795	John O. Fiske	Aug. 17, 1843	8	3	6	2	1	68	152	220	49	3	13	208	1916
" Central Church	1835	E. Whittlesey	Oct. 1, 1851	2		2	1				121	11	2	3	150	1914
" Weeks-st Ch.	May 22, 1855	Samuel H. Tolman, Jr. s.s.	1855	2	4				2	4	6		1		45	4
Boothbay, 1st	1766	Jona. Adams, s. s.	1852			3			20	60	80				50	30
" Harbor	Aug. 1, 1848						4		20	29	49	3			100	38
Bremen	March, 1839	Nathan W. Sheldon, s.s.	Feb. 1855								*15				*90	
Bristol	1765										*59					13
" 2d Ch.	Jan. 31, 1855	† Harrison Fairfield, s.s.	Jan. 1855						7	10	17					
Edgecomb	June 4, 1783	Amasa Loring,	Feb. 20, 1855	1	2	2	1		32	61	93	26	1		75	
Jefferson	1844										*9					
Lisbon	Dec. 1839	Probably extinct.									*20					10
Newcastle, 1st	Oct. 4, 1797	David Cushman, s.s.	1844						10	27	37	7			60	25
" 2d	May 22, 1844	Elbridge G. Carpenter,	Oct 8, 1851	8	5		1		41	87	128	10	4		125	152
Phipsburg & Geo'town	July1, 1765					3	1		67	139	206	75		2	*75	30
Rockland	Mar. 8, 1838	Saml. C. Fessenden	May 30, 1838	4	2	2	3		17	64	81	18	1	1	70	133
Thomaston	June 15, 1809				1	5	1	1	24	55	79	16			75	130
Topsham	1789										*100				*50	60
Union	1803	D. F. Potter	1851	1	1	4	1		29	43	72	16	1	1	75	40
Waldoboro	May 13, 1807	Harvey M. Stone, s.s.	August, 1854	46	1	3	1	1	69	157	226	12	16	3	208	153
Warren	Feb 27, 1828	Crosby H. Wheeler,	Dec. 29, 1852	5	2	6			39	82	121	13	4	4	130	127
Washington	Aug. 16, 1817	Nathan W. Sheldon, s. s.	Apr. 1855			1			11	25	36	7				12
Wiscasset	Oct. 29, 1828	George Darling, s. s.	1855								*109					170
Woolwich	June 12, 1765	Samuel S. Drake, s. s.	Jan. 1855			1			18	37	55	4			75	19
TWENTY-FOUR.		SIXTEEN.		77	21	41	17	3	502	1089	2024	287	33	27	1706	$5019

Ordained Ministers—Alden B. Boynton, John Boynton, Wiscasset; John W. Ellingwood, D.D., Bath; Richard Woodhull, Thomaston.

Annual Meeting at Damariscotta, June 12, 13, 1855. Sermons by Rev. George Darling, of Lowell, Mass., Heb. 11:30, and Rev. D. Cushman, Isa. 52:1. Subjects introduced,—"What can be done to secure the more abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit, upon the Churches?"—Sabbath Schools. Next Meeting in Woolwich, June 10, 1856. Preacher, Rev. E. Whittlesey; Substitute, Rev. S. H. Tolman, Jr.; Reporter for S. Schools, Rev. S. Talbot; Deac. R. C. Webb, Moderator; Rev. S. S. Drake, Scribe and Treasurer.

LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844. Meetings first Tuesday in February, May and November. Rev. S. Whittlesey, Scribe.

LINCOLN EAST ASSOCIATION, formed at Warren, May 7, 1844. Meetings first Tuesday of July, May and October. Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Scribe. These two bodies were originally one; organized at Bath, May 3, 1798.

† Deceased July 11, 1855, aged 43 years—Trueman A. Merrill, s. s. August, 1855.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in October.

Church and date of Organization.		Minister and time of Settlement.		Admissions.		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Etc.	Males.	Females	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Andover	Nov. 8, 1800	Mark Gould	Oct. 8, 1851		2		2		14	28	42	12		2	100	13
Bethel, 1st Church	Oct. 7, 1799	Edwin A. Buck	May 31, 1854	1	5	1	6		47	70	117	17	1	1	130	63
" 2d "	Jan. 30, 1849	David Garland	Aug. 15, 1849	2					17	30	47	2	1		87	41
Dixfield	May 8, 1806						3			4	4	15	7		50	5
Gilead	May 30, 1818	Kendall Deering, s.s.	1855	2	1				7	22	29	11	2		50	20
Norway, 1st Ch.	Oct. 6, 1804	† H. W. Strong, s. s.	1850								*52				*50	
" Village	Jan. 15, 1853	Asa T. Loring	Jan. 3, 1855	2	3	1	1		8	30	38	3		2	120	36
Oxford	May 31, 1826	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s. s.	May 1, 1853	1	1				14	30	44	16	1	1	50	5
Paris, South	Nov. 4, 1812	Daniel Sewall,	Jan. 4, 1855	1	2	4			41	79	120	26			125	102
Rumford	Aug. 5, 1803	Josiah G. Merrill, s.s.	January, 1854	2		2			27	35	62	7			50	30
Shelburne, N. H.	Aug. 26, 1818		1853						2	5	7	2			40	14
Sumner	Sept. 9, 1802	Benj. G. Willey, s. s.	1851	1		2			24	50	74	24			101	
Turner	Aug. 16, 1784	‡ John Elliot, s. s.	1854				2		25	54	79	13			30	31
THIRTEEN.		ELEVEN.		12	14	10	14		226	437	715	148	12	6	983	$360

Without Charge—Rev. Isaac Carlton, Oxford.

Semi-Annual Meeting in Bethel, First Church, October 17, 1854.

Annual Meeting at Andover, June 5, 6, 1855. Sermons by Rev. A. T. Loring, John 4:35; Rev. G. F. Tewksbury, Jer. 8:22, and Rev. B. G. Willey, Eph. 3:20, 21. Subjects introduced: Foreign Missions, Tract Cause, Declension in Religion, Revivals of Religion.

Next Meeting in South Paris, October 16, 1855. Rev. C. A. Buck, Rev. D. Garland, first and second Preacher.

Deac. Shurtleff, of South Paris, Moderator; Rev. M. Gould, Scribe.

Oxford Association, meets on the second Tuesday of May and September. Rev. A. T. Loring, Scribe.

† Since deceased, [July 13, 1855—aged 43 years.] ‡ Rev. Sidney Holman, pastor elect, July, 1855.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday in January.

Bangor, 1st Church	Nov. 27, 1811	George B. Little	Oct. 11, 1849		2	6	6	1	97	200	297	72		7	260	1970
" Hammond-st.	Dec. 5, 1833	John Maltby	July 23, 1834	15	8	6	12	2	91	166	257	38	5	14	350	2150
" Central	April 1, 1847	Geo. Shepard, D.D., s.s.	Apr. 1, 1847	5	15	5	6		62	95	157	24	1	4	304	1000
Brewer, 1st Church	Sept. 9, 1800	George W. Field,	Nov. 24, 1853	5	2	2	5		35	72	107	17	3		97	303
" Village	Jan. 18, 1843	Thomas Smith	Jan. 21, 1846			2			14	28	42	5		1	127	204
Carmel	May 5, 1853										13				60	
Corinna	1841										12				35	
Dedham	Dec. 23, 1841	Edward S. Palmer, s.s.	1854				1		17	22	39	10		2	83	100
Dixmont	Nov. 1807	Geo. A. Pollard, s. s.	June, 1855			1	2		7	8	15	4			61	10
Glenburn	1839										14				23	
Hampden	May 5, 1817	Javan K. Mason	Jan. 18, 1849	5	2	3			23	65	88	17			150	377
Holden	Nov. 11, 1828	Enoch Pond, D.D., s.s.	1853	3		3	1		36	48	84	20	2		125	10
Kenduskeag	Dec. 23, 1834	Solomon E. Bixby,	June 30, 1853	3		1	1		20	43	63	8	2	4	90	60
Oldtown	Sep. 24, 1834	Eben'r. Douglass, s. s.	July, 1855								26				50	10
Orono	May 18, 1826	Stephen L. Bowler, s.s.	Sept 1854	7	3			3	12	38	50	12	6		76	120
Orrington	June 12, 1834			3		2	1		20	35	55		2		90	30
Veazie	June 19, 1838								6	18	24	9		1	52	5
SEVENTEEN.		TWELVE.		46	32	31	35	6	440	838	1343	236	21	33	2033	$6349

Enoch Pond, D. D., George Shephard, D. D., Daniel Talcott Smith, D. D., Professors in Theological Seminary, Bangor. Rev. James Wells, City Missionary, Bangor.

John S. Zelie was ordained at Bangor May 16, 1855, as a Home Missionary in California.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Dedham, January 9, 10, 1855. Sermons by Rev. W. Parker, of Piscataquis Conference, Acts 5 : 41, and Rev. S. E. Bixby, John 21 : 22, "Follow thou me." The need of a genuine revival of religion, was a prominent topic of remark. The Salutations of Piscataquis Conference were presented by Rev. W. Parker, of Dover, and of Hancock Conference, by Rev. H. S. Loring, of Amherst.

Annual Meeting at Kenduskeag, June 12, 13. Sermons by Rev. G. Shepherd, D. D., 1 Chr. 29 : 11—14, Our dependence on God—the truth and practical influence of the Doctrine; Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Picataquis Conference, Phil. 3 : 13, 14,—and Rev. G. W. Field, Titus 2 : 13, "Blessed hope." Topics of remark,—The importance of a deeper tone of piety in the Churches; a more entire consecration to Christ; Home and Foreign Missions; Education Society; Tract and Sabbath School Cause.

Next meeting at Hampden, Jan. 8, 1856. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Pond; Substitute, Rev. S. L. Bowler. Rev. T. Smith, Moderator; Rev. G. B. Little, Scribe; Deac. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, Treasurer.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION, organized at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual Meeting, on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment. Rev. G. B. Little, Scribe.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Third Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Third Tuesday in December.

Church and date of Organization		Minister and time of Settlement.		Admission		Removals.			Members.				Baptisms.			
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Non-Residents.	Adult.	Infant.	Number in Sab. Schools.	Total of Donations.
Abbot	Feb. 2, 1841								3	8	11	5				2
Atkinson	March 2, 1842	Peter B. Thayer, s.s.	Jan. 1854	1		1	2		10	19	29	5	1		75	
Blanchard	Mar. 12, 1833	John A. Perry, s. s.	1850			1			23	32	55	18			60	65
Bradford	Mar. 21, 1828	Solomon E. Bixby, s.s.	1852						11	18	29	4		1	30	15
Brownville	Aug. 24, 1819	Wm. S. Sewall	Sep. 25, 1839		1		4		39	50	89	10		12	63	64
Dexter	July 22, 1834						6		13	43	56	16		1	50	40
Foxcroft & Dover,	Dec. 30, 1622	Wooster Parker	Nov. 9, 1842	7	6	2	3		46	94	140	28	5		115	115
Garland	March, 1810	Peter B. Thayer	Dec. 21, 1848		1	1	3		23	39	62	6			100	30
Milo	1829								2	5	7					
Monson	Aug. 11, 1821	Horatio Ilsley	Sep. 1, 1840	2	1		3		32	48	80	18	2	2	60	92
Sangerville	Aug. 28, 1828	John A. Perry, s. s.	June, 1854	2			1		10	16	26	7	1	4	50	6
Sebec	1834								2	7	9	2				
TWELVE.		SIX.		12	9	5	22		214	379	593	119	9	20	603	$129

Minister without Pastoral charge—Rev. John Sawyer, Garland, aged 100 years October 9, 1855.

Semi-Annual meeting at Dexter, December 19, 1854.

Annual meeting at Blanchard, June 19, 20, 1855. Sermons by Rev. H. S. Loring, Delegate from Hancock Conference, Isa. 61 : 3; Rev. H. Ilsley, Matt. 21 : 28, and Rev. W. Parker, Rev. 19 : 12. Several of the benevolent objects of the day introduced.

Next Meeting in Foxcroft, Dec. 1854. Preacher, Rev. W. S. Sewall; Substitute, Rev. J. A. Perry. Deac. Wm. Tenney, of Monson, Moderator; Rev. H. Ilsley, Scribe and Treasurer.

Piscataquis Association, formed at Monson, Jany. 25, 1841. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. This Association formerly united with Penobscot.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, on Tuesday preceding the Second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, time fixed by Committee of Arrangements.

Anson		1804	Thos. G. Mitchell, s.s.	Sep.	1851				1		12	29	41	21		1	25	12
Athens		1836									1	2	3	2				
Bingham	July 24,	1805	Sidney Turner	Jany. 6,	1847			3	1		20	36	56	16			50	19
Bloomfield	Nov. 19,	1801	Geo. W. Hathaway	Mar. 20,	1833	1	4	3	2		26	68	94	18			150	75
Cornville		1832	Geo. W. Fargo		1847						3	5	8	2				
Fairfield	May 11,	1815									8	9	17	6				5
Flagstaff		1844	David Turner, s. s.	July,	1854								*37					1
Madison	May 25,	1826	T. G. Mitchell, s. s.	Oct. 9,	1851	1	1	1	1		13	19	32	8	1	3	125	20
Mercer	Oct. 30,	1822	John Forbush, s. s.	Jany.	1855	2	2	4			17	32	49	14			50	185
Norridgewock	Sep. 22,	1797	Henry S. Downs	Sep. 29,	1852	2		1	6		35	65	100	15			175	75
Skowhegan	Dec. 6,	1841									4	5	9				*100	
Solon Village	Jan. 25,	1842	S. Turner, s. s.	Sep. 13,	1847			1			3	5	8				* 60	9
" South	Sep. 30,	1806	†E. Curtis, s. s		1854						18	31	49	8			50	
St. Albans	June 29,	1830	Henry White, s. s.	Mar. 1,	1854				4		15	28	43	14			20	25
FOURTEEN.			NINE.			6	7	13	15		175	334	546	124	1	4	805	$426

Semi-Annual meeting in Anson, March 13, 14, 1855.

Annual meeting in Norridgewock, June 12, 13, 1855. Sermons by Rev. S. Souther of Union Conference, Eph. 4 : 1; and Rev. S. Turner, Luke 22 : 31, 32. Subjects for discussion,—What is the great mission of the Church on earth? How is this mission to be fulfilled?—Sabbath Schools.

Next semi-Annual meeting in St. Albans. Annual meeting in Bloomfield, June 10, 1856. Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Moderator; Rev. H. S. Downs, Scribe; C. R. Vaughn, Norridgewock, Treasurer.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION, united 1853, meets on the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November. Somerset originally joined with Kennebec, in 1816, when it was organized separately, and continued so until 1853. Rev. W. Davenport, Scribe.

† **Rev. S. Turner is to supply half the time during the coming year.**

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in June. Semi Annual Meeting, on Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday in December.

Church and date of Organization.		Minister and time of Settlement.		Admission.		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Etc.	Males.	Females	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Albany	Sep. 15, 1803	Lorrain Rood, s. s.	April, 1854	1		5	2		22	44	66	9		1	106	50
Bridgton	Aug. 26, 1784	Josiah T. Hawes	Feb. 1850			2			21	48	69	17		3	70	85
" North	Nov. 16, 1823	John Dodd, s. s.	Jan. 1855		3		5		12	16	28	16			99	48
" South	Dec. 30, 1829	Joseph P. Fessenden	Dec. 30, 1829								* 49				35	30
Brownfield	Oct. 1804	David Gerry	Dec. 25, 1839	1	1	1	1		14	24	38	9			50	13
Denmark	Aug. 1775										* 35	* 8			* 40	
Fryeburg	Aug. 1775	Carlton Hurd	Sep. 17, 1823	5		4	1		44	102	146	17			*190	100
Hiram	Oct. 25, 1826	D. Gerry	Dec. 25, 1839				1		5	10	15	3			53	
Harrison	Feb. 15, 1826	J. Dodd, s. s.	Aug. 1, 1854		2	3	1		34	56	90	35			90	31
Lovell	Oct. 6, 1798	Joseph Smith	Aug. 6, 1853	14	1	2	1	1	35	51	86	15	4	1	139	45
Otisfield	Nov. 23, 1779	Joseph P. Richardson	Oct, 22, 1823	10		4	2		63	96	159	50	6	1	150	75
Sweden	Nov. 4, 1817	Charles B. Smith, s.s.	Sep. 1854		2						45				120	103
Waterford	Oct. 2, 1787	John A. Douglass,	Nov. 7, 1821	2		5	1	1			200				*200	100
THIRTEEN.		TEN.		33	9	26	15	2	250	447	1026	179	10	6	1342	$680

Without Pastoral charge—Lincoln Ripley, Waterford; Rev. Samuel Souther, Jr., Agent American Sunday School Union, Fryeburg.

Semi-Annual Meeting in North Bridgton, Dec. 26, 27, 1854. Sermons by Rev. J. Dodd, 2 Cor. 5 : 11, "The Love of Christ;" Rev. G. W. Hathaway, of Somerset Conference, Acts 24 : 25, Paul before Felix; and Rev. J. P. Richardson, Matt. 5 : 16, "Let your light shine." Topics of remark,—Parental responsibility; Doctrinal knowledge; Temperance; Anti-Slavery; S. Schools; Tract cause; and Domestic Missions.

Thirty-sixth meeting in Albany, June 19, 20, 1855. Sermons by Rev. David Gerry, Psalms 85 : 6; and Rev. Joseph Smith, Hebs. 2 : 4. Subjects for discussion,—The obligations of Christians to themselves—to each other—to S. Schools—to prayer meetings—to the world, in view of the state of religion in our churches; Their obligations to make themselves acquainted with the moral, political, and benevolent operations of the present day; The state of religion in the heart.

Next meeting in Lovell Village, Dec. 25, 1854. Preachers, Rev. C. B. Smith, and Rev. J. T. Hawes; Reporter on state of the churches, Rev. J. P. Richardson; Committee on Sabbath Schools, Bro. Enoch Woodbury.

Enoch Woodbury of Sweden, Moderator; Rev. J. T. Hawes, Scribe; Rev. J. A Douglass, Treasurer.

Union Association, formed at South Bridgton, Jany. 1, 1834, meets first Tuesday in Jany., March, May, July, September and November. Rev. J. Dodd, Scribe.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, at some convenient time in Autumn.

Belfast, 1st Ch.	Dec. 29, 1796	Edward F. Cutter	Sept. 23, 1846		1	5	1		34	89	123	28		1	100	169
" North	Sept. 24, 1846	Joseph R. Munsell	Sept. 22, 1852	1	1				19	31	50	5		1	128	44
Camden	Sept. 11, 1805	Benj. C. Chase,	Jan. 8, 1849	4	3	4	13		41	74	115	13	3	3	178	249
Frankfort, 1st Ch.	Sept. 7, 1820	Stephen H. Hayes,	Aug. 20, 1844	2	5	3	1		13	60	73	11	1	6	120	175
" 2d "	Nov. 18, 1851	† Peasely B. Chamberlain,s. s.	1854	2			1		5	15	20	7	1		60	25
Jackson & Brooks	Oct. 6, 1812	Geo. A. Pollard,s.s.	July, 1855	1					15	27	42	15			40	25
Prospect	Oct. 16, 1839	Samuel Hopley,s.s.	July, 1855			1			24	38	62	10		3	60	50
Searsport	Oct. 4, 1815	Stephen Thurston	Aug. 9, 1826	6	5	7	7	4	77	171	248	29	3	13	210	975
" East (To be organized.)		David Thurston,D. D.	Jan. 1855													
Swanville	June 1, 1826										*17					
Rockport	June 12, 1854	‡ James B. Howard	Dec. 12, 1854	1	5				8	16	24		1		45	8
Thorndike	Sept. 16, 1834										*25					
Unity	Dec. 1804	Nathaniel Chapman, s. s.	1853				3		7	23	30	2			43	15
TWELVE.		ELEVEN.		17	20	20	26	4	243	544	829	120	9	27	984	§1735

Semi-Annual Meeting at Prospect, October 16, 17, 1854.

Annual Meeting in Frankfort, June 12, 13, 1855. Sermons by Rev. D. Thurston, D.D., 1 Pet. 2: 2, and Rev. E. F. Cutter, Rev. 2: 4, 5. Main topic of remark: "The present aspect of the world, in its relation to the kingdom of Christ."

Next Meeting in Camden, September 11, 1855.

Rev. E. F. Cutter, Moderator; Rev. B. C. Chase, Scribe and Treasurer.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed at Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual Meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year. Rev. E. F. Cutter, Scribe. This Association formerly connected with Hancock.

† August, 1855, in Oregon. ‡ Dismissed, July, 1855.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday after the first Wednesday in October.

Church and date of Organization.		Minister and time of Settlement.		Admission		Removals.			Members.			Baptisms.			Sab. Sch.	
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.	Non-Resi-dents.	Adult.	Infant.	Number in Sab. Schools.	Total of Donations.
Acton	Sept. 18, 1781	Jeremiah Blake, s. s.	July, 1855						21	32	53				60	75
Alfred	Sept. 1791	John Orr	May 7, 1846	3	1	3	2				110	15	1		101	75
Biddeford, 1st	April 30, 1730	Levi Loring, s. s.	July, 1851		1	2			21	55	76	6			46	14
" 2d	March 1, 1805	Samuel M. Gould	Jan. 6, 1853	84	21	7	7				264	15	52		165	843
Buxton	March 2, 1763	Joseph Bartlett	Oct. 7, 1847	10	2				8	38	46	4	10	1	69	29
" North	March 2, 1763	Geo. W. Cressey, s. s	June 6, 1852	7	3	3			17	34	51		2	1	71	54
Cornish	Sept. 6, 1840									*	*12	2		0		
Elliot	June 22, 1721	Jeffries Hall, s. s.	May, 1852			3			12	59	71	8		3	*76	22
Kennebunk, Union	Aug. 15, 1826	William H. Willcox	Nov. 4, 1852			2	1		26	53	79	19		2	70	217
Kennebunkport, 1st	Nov. 1739	John Baker	Sept. 26, 1849						22	43	65				60	20
" South	Jan. 10, 1838	Philip Titcomb	July 11, 1855		3	4	1		12	44	56	3			50	120
Kittery	Nov. 4, 1714	Alfred W. Fisk	July 18, 1850				1		11	29	40	8			59	48
Lebanon	June 26, 1765	Elias Chapman, s. s.	1854		2	2	4		23	55	78	16		1	75	60
Limerick	July 5, 1795	Albert Cole, s. s.	June, 1853	9		2	2		27	56	83	12	5	5	*70	130
Limington	Oct. 11, 1789	John H. Garman,	Nov. 3, 1847	2		1	2		23	67	90	36			143	48
Lyman	Dec. 2, 1801	Stephen Bailey, s. s.	Jan. 1, 1855	10	2	5	2		43	83	126	8	5	3	110	80
Newfield	July, 1801	William Pierce, s. s.	Nov. 1853	1	2	1	3		28	45	73	14			60	20
Parsonsfield	Jan. 7, 1795	Samuel Ordway, s. s.	1854		1	1			8	19	27				54	5
Saco	Oct. 13, 1762	Francis B. Wheeler	Dec. 6, 1854								*216					350
Sanford	July 19, 1786	Edmond Burt, s. s.	May 24, 1855	6			4		20	32	52	10	4	4	*35	18
Shapleigh	Oct. 23, 1823	Jeremiah Blake, s. s.	July, 1855								*15	4				20
South Berwick	June 4, 1702					2	4		27	110	137	41			80	275
Wells, 1st	Oct. 29, 1701	Giles Leach, s. s.	Sept. 1854	1		4					158	46			125	168
" 2d	Aug. 23, 1831	Jonathan B. Cook	July 18, 1855	1	2	3	2		16	41	57	10	1		60	62
York, 1st	1660	Wm. A. Patten, s. s.	May 22, 1856		1	1			16	47	63	19			75	179
" 2d	1732	Morris Holman	Jan. 15, 1845	2					7	23	30		1		70	31
TWENTY-SIX.		TWENTY-THREE.		136	41	46	35		388	965	2128	296	81	20	1784	$2093

YORK CONFERENCE---(Continued.)

Semi-Annual Meeting, October 10, 11, 1854, at Buxton, in the South Meeting House, where, 32 years ago, the Conference was organized. Sermons, by Rev. William H. Willcox, 1 Tim. 2:4, and Rev. Samuel M. Gould, Matthew 28:6. Subjects discussed,—"The Church—its divine origin, and true import—its work and privileges,"—"What is implied in being a Christian?—the personal duty of all to become devoted and useful Christians at once—and how to become such,"—"Christian education in the Family, in the Sabbath School, and in the Church."

Annual Meeting, in Kennebunk, June 5, 6, 1855. Sermons, by Rev. A. Cole, Theme—Embracing and acknowledging Christ, and Rev. J. Bartlett, The true import of the Lord's Supper, and its right observance. Pastoral Address, by Rev. John Orr, on Christian steadfastness. Topics of remark, Prayer, Revivals, Fickle Piety, Claims of the Bible, Foreign Missions.

Next Meeting, in Limerick, October 10, 1855. Preachers, Rev. S. Bailey and Rev. L. Loring; Reporter, Rev. J. Bartlett.

Rev. L. Loring, Moderator; Rev. G. W. Cressey, Scribe and Treasurer.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized at Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) October 27, 1817. Meets on first Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

The Ministers in South Berwick, Elliott, York and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, organized in Kittery, October 24, 1781. Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January.

Sermon at the Installation of Rev. F. B. Wheeler, Saco, Dec. 6, 1854—by Rev. J. W. Chickering, Portland, 1 Thess. 2:14.
" at the Installation of Rev. P. Titcomb, South Ch., Kennebunkport, July 11, 1855—by Rev. W. Parker, Dover, 1 Cor. 13:11.
" at the Installation of Rev. J. B. Cook, 2d Church, Wells, July 18, 1855—by Rev. J. T. McCollom, of Bradford, Mass.

BIBLE DEPOSITORIES.

Counties.	Depositaries.	Towns.
York	W. C. Conant,	Alfred.
Washington	John Kilby,	Dennysville.
Waldo	Woodbury Davis,	Belfast.
Somerset	Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway,	Bloomfield.
Piscataquis	Sawyer & Woodbury,	Dover.
Penobscot	E. F. Duren,	Bangor.
Oxford	A. Hersey,	South Paris.
Lincoln	M. F. Gannett,	Bath.
Hancock	J. W. Jones,	Ellsworth.
Cumberland	Merrill & Whitman,	Portland.
Kennebec	D. C. Stanwood,	Augusta.
Franklin	Rev. I. Rogers,	Farmington.
Aroostook	Rev. A. J. Bates.	Lincoln.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Wednesday and Thursday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, second Wednesday and Thursday in October.

Church and date of Organization.	Minister and time of Settlement.	Admission.		Removals.			Members.				Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Etc.	Males.	Females	Total.	Non Resident.	Adult.	Infant.		
Alexander Nov. 1854	Samuel D. Hosmer, s.s. May. 1855						2	10	12					3
Calais, First Ch. Aug 17, 1825	Seth H. Keeler Nov. 20, 1839	4		5	4		44	119	163	29	3		170	400
Cherryfield Nov. 1833									* 23					5
Cooper Feb. 22, 1826	Chas. H. Emerson 1854	1		1			5	13	18	4		1	40	1
Dennysville Oct. 27, 1805	J. H. Stearns Nov. 6, 1844		2			2	36	59	95	20		2	120	365
Eastport, Central Feb. 8, 1819	Wm. T. Dickson, s.s. March 1853	1	1	1	3		20	72	92	26			90	200
Jonesboro Apr. 24, 1840			1	1			6	8	14	7			70	
Lubec Sept. 1818							4	4	8					
Machias 1782	Henry F. Harding, s.s. 1855	9		1					158	28	4		206	155
" East 1826	John C. Adams, s.s, Dec. 15, 1848	16		5			46	78	124	35	10	4	135	152
" Port Dec. 1830							19	26	45	4			50	5
Northfield Sep. 15, 1836	C. W. Richardson, s.s. 1854	2	1		1		8	5	13		1	1	70	10
Pembroke Sep. 30, 1835				1			7	12	19	2				30
Perry Oct. 7, 1822	James W. Kidder, s.s. Sept. 1854	2					19	41	60	25			75	3
Robbinston Nov. 24, 1811	David B. Sewall, Jan. 19, 1842	3		2	2		28	61	89	11	2	1	100	120
St. Stephen's, N.B. Oct. 1, 1846	Horatio Q. Butterfield, Oct. 5, 1854	8	1		3		32	59	91	14			200	153
Whiting Nov. 10, 1833							4	11	15				60	5
Whitneyville Dec. 7, 1836	Gilman Bacheller, s.s. 1854						12	6	18	4				7
EIGHTEEN.	TWELVE.	46	6	17	13	2	292	584	1057	209	20	9	1386	$1614

Without charge—Rev. S. Wentworth, Pembroke.

Semi-Annual Meeting in Dennysville, October 12, 13, 1854. Sermons by Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Rom. 9 : 33 ; Rev. B. Tappan, D.D. —The seed and the leaven ; and Rev. J. C. Adams, 1 John 4 : 19.

Annual Meeting in Robbinston, June 13, 14, 1855. Sermons by Rev. W. T. Dickson, Rom. 3 : 26, and Rev. G. Bacheller, Solomon's Song 8 : 6. Topics discussed,—"Are revivals of religion subject to fixed and determinate laws? If so, what? How have they been, and how may they be best promoted?" "Assurance of hope, the duty and privilege of all Christians."

Next Meeting in Eastport, October 10, 1855. First Preachers, Rev. S. H. Keeler, and Rev. H. F. Harding ; Second Preachers, Rev. J. H. Stearns, and Rev. D. B. Sewall.

Rev. S. H. Keeler, Moderator ; Rev. D. B. Sewall, Scribe ; Deac. Wm. A. Crocker, of Machias, Treasurer.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION. Times of Meeting, June and October ; Sub-Associations, more frequently.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 3, 1855.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, ORGANIZED IN PORTLAND, JANUARY 10, 1826.

County Conferences, and Date of Organization.		Churches.	Ministers.	Admissions.		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Aroostook	1844	11	6	3	6	3	3		54	89	147	21	2	2	508	135
Cumberland	1822	34	33	176	130	99	103	6	910	2000	3961	444	18	74	3536	12,755
Franklin	1830	13	11	34	13	23	17		165	253	632	156	7	17	660	297
Hancock	1825	11	9	8	5	16	11	2	167	323	866	40		14	1058	1515
Kennebec	1823	17	10	24	16	20	36	4	292	720	1070	147	12	10	1147	2411
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	1825	24	16	77	21	41	17	3	502	1089	2024	287	33	27	1706	5019
Oxford	1824	13	11	12	14	10	14		226	437	715	148	12	6	983	360
Penobscot	1825	17	12	46	32	31	35	6	440	838	1343	236	21	33	2033	6349
Piscataquis	1842	12	6	12	9	5	22		214	379	593	119	9	20	603	429
Somerset	1823	14	9	6	7	13	15		175	334	546	124	1	4	805	426
Union	1836	13	10	33	9	26	15	2	250	447	1026	179	10	6	1342	680
Waldo	1848	12	11	17	20	20	26	4	243	544	829	120	9	27	984	1735
Washington	1829	18	12	46	6	17	13	2	292	584	1057	209	20	9	1386	1614
York	1822	26	23	136	41	46	35		388	965	2128	296	81	20	1784	2993
FOURTEEN.		235	†179	630	329	370	362	29	‡4318	9002	16,937	2526	235	269	18,535	§$36,718

† Adding 36 Ordained Ministers not included in the TABLES, and deducting 6 who are s. s. in more than one Conference, and the whole number of Clergymen is 209.

‡ The Summary of Males and Females includes only those reported separately; while the columns for Totals contains all the Members reported, or taken from last year's Minutes.

§ Of this sum, about $12,000 was for Home Missions, $9000 for Foreign Missions, $500 for the Bible Society, $600 for Seamen, $1000 to the Sabbath School Cause, $1000 to the Education Society, and $1500 to the Tract Society. It does not include local charities. In addition to the amount reported, $400 has been paid by the Conferences, as such, to the Maine Missionary Society.

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SECOND REPORT ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.

In submitting this report we propose to be brief. On reviewing the whole subject, and comparing our former report with such opinions and facts as have come before us, we now find little to add or to alter. We believe that report contains the germ of the great question.

And we are strengthened in this belief since the report has received some attention from individuals and the press, and none materially dissenting from its positions. In one district in a neighboring State, the subject is under investigation, and with some modifications the form of our circulars is used. Able sermons have also been preached, and there have been warm discussions before some of our religious bodies respecting the evil. In the city of Bangor, a Home Evangelization Society has been formed, and the work entered upon systematically. The report of the American Home Missionary Society for the present year was pleased to notice our efforts, and after speaking of our report, it adds: "We look upon the fact, that the missionary spirit has induced the Ministers of Maine to enter upon the systematic examination of the great subject, as the most encouraging incident of the past year." The Home Missionary, the organ of that great Society, had previously published the larger part of our report, appending a stirring appeal, in which it says: "Let Christian laymen take this subject home to their hearts. Let them carry it to the throne of grace and contemplate it in the light that shines there, and ask themselves in God's presence, whether their duties are not rightly presented in that report, whether the armies of the church militant are not to join *en masse* in this work."—*Home Missionary for March, 1855, p. 272.* Again, and what we deem more important, it adds: "The church must meet this problem and solve it, and now is the time. Every Minister should be revolving the matter in his mind, and be seeking continually to be learning what the divine purposes are. It should be studied prayerfully, and with undoubting confidence, *for God will show us in what way this thing will be done, if we really wish to know.*"—*Ibid, February No., p. 246.*

We have therefore, reason for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the favor which that report has received, and we are led to believe the subject needs only to be fairly presented to awaken the sympathies of Zion.

The only point where there is likely to be any serious difference of opinion, will be found in answering this vital question, "*Who are the unevangelized?*" To evangelize is to preach the gospel. It is to instruct the ignorant in the great truths of salvation. But he who will not listen to the preaching of the gospel, who does not chose to be instructed in the way of life, though his dwelling be by the very threshold of the sanctuary, cannot be evangelized. His wife, his children may have their names written in heaven, the pastor may frequently visit his house, but if he choose to disregard the Sabbath and the means of grace it offers, he is in no sense evangelized.

The christian ministry stands first of all agencies for bringing men to a knowledge of the truth. It is divinely appointed. The living ministry is God's embassy sent in sovereign mercy to a lost world; hence the attitude which men hold to this, is the test of their character. It is clear then, that they who will not so much respect religion and the divine benevolence that has revealed it, as to attend on its ministry, are in no sense evangelized. "How can ye escape if ye neglect so great salvation?" is a question addressed emphatically to this class. A man must respect the Sabbath and the gospel message, or he is not evangelized, and he must respect it in view of his necessities, in view of divine mercy and eternal realities, or he is not evangelized. "*Who is evangelized?*" is a serious, awful question, that presses hard upon the destiny of souls forever.

There is a degree of looseness in the prevailing opinions on this point, that weakens all our efforts to remove the enormous evil. For example, a writer in the New Englander of August, 1852, after referring to the ordinary Sabbath con-

gregations, adds: "Besides, our ministers are in the habit of preaching in remote School houses, whereby the gospel is carried to nearly every family. Thus the habitual neglecters of public worship are diminished. One fact more needs to be stated, to show that heathenism is not yet established among us. By the labors of an evangelical ministry out of the pulpit, as at funerals, by calling on families, by remarks in schools, by conversation at the road side,—there are next to none who do not often hear of the way of Salvation through a Redeemer."

That there are many in our towns and remote districts who have believed unto salvation, but who, for various reasons cannot attend public worship, is admitted; but this class is comparatively small, and it is not of these we speak, but rather of the thousands who despise the Sabbath and the Sanctuary; and we appeal to every careful observer whether such occasional school-house lectures, calls, remarks by the road-side, and in schools, as a general rule, have any perceptible influence whatever, on those who voluntarily abandon the house of God on the Sabbath? We can but sincerely regret that any should assume such a position, and thus quiet the slumbers of the Church, and relieve the consciences of Sabbath desecraters and neglecters of divine worship.

This great question: *Who are evangelized?* must be decided as it would be were Christ on earth proclaiming his own gospel, as it would be if we could now go forward and stand with these perishing throngs before the judgment seat.

It is said that "the influential part of society mostly go to church." But who are meant by the influential part of society? What is influence? Is it not anything that controls human volitions? And what are the influences, and who wield the influences that control the world? Wealth, power, pleasure, with their myriad votaries.

These do not draw men to the worship of God, to hallow the Sabbath, to bow down before the cross of Christ. The vastly preponderating influences of the world all combine against that solemn enquiry, "What must I do to be saved?" And that enquiry is the great theme of the pulpit;—hence the strongest influences of the world are hostile to the pulpit. In other words, the most influential part of society do not reverence the Sabbath and the Sanctuary.

We believe no one who has investigated the subject will deny, that at least *fifty-eight* per cent of the whole population may ordinarily be in the house of worship on the Sabbath; and we think it would be hard to demonstrate that in the most favored portions of the State, twenty-five per cent are habitually there, and that a larger proportion than this are in any proper sense evangelized. But this point is open to question, and on it the committee are not all agreed.

But we are sustained in our general conclusions by other investigations than our own. In the city of Albany, New York, distinguished for its ministry and its churches, "out of a population of 58,000, it was found by actual count, on one of the most pleasant Sabbaths of April, that the attendance at all the churches of every denomination in the city did not exceed 14,628, or *not quite* 26 *per cent.* of the population. And this in a city where nearly a hundred thousand tracts and three or four hundred Bibles and Testaments had been distributed, where two devoted city missionaries are employed, and a hundred gratuitous visitors, under a superintendent, sustained by an efficient board of managers, and liberally supplied by the contributions of christian benefactors." And with all these appliances more than half of those who might have been in the house of worship on that pleasant Sabbath, were not there.

Great as is the agency of tracts and religious books in communities remote from the sanctuary, our towns and cities are now flooded to such a degree with reading adapted to the depraved tastes of the masses, that the religious print, if respectfully received, generally gives place, even on the Sabbath, to light reading. Hence we are more and more confirmed in the opinion, that *our main reliance is upon the voice of the living preacher*, and our great aim must be to bring men at once and directly within its reach. To overlook this principle, we believe will be fatal to all success in home evangelization.

When therefore, we are asked to point out a remedy for the enormous evil, we would answer in general terms, the Sabbath must be rescued from desecration, and the masses must have the gospel preached to them. But the yet unsolved problem is, how are these masses to be brought into the house of God? In prosecuting this work we have fearful obstacles to encounter, and we must aim directly with the means God has put into our hands to remove them. Among these obstacles are—

1. The heart's stern depravity, which in its rapid development, soon finds its culmination in turning away from the very provisions of mercy for its renovation.

This should be regarded as one of the most fearful sins against God, involving that "which hath never forgiveness."

2. The universal and all-absorbing struggle for wealth, power, and pleasure, has come to be the honored form of the heart's opposition to the gospel message. This is the triple alliance of the world, its grand antagonism to the embassy of heaven. This, a faithful pulpit must ever encounter: hence it aims to bring odium upon the ministry, and upon all the institutions of religion. It demands a gospel that shall not interfere with itself, and hence, multitudes live without a Sabbath and a sanctuary.

The ministry and the church and the religious press, must be united in meeting this antagonism, and never make the conscience of the world slumber under their silence or their sympathy. The united voice of the church, as the voice of God against every form of sin, would do much to disturb the repose of men in the abandonment of the sanctuary.

3. Another obstacle is found in the misdirection of the social element. This element is the strongest in our nature, and it is suffered to enter into various societies, orders, and combinations, professing to aim for the individual good and the social regeneration of the world, and for the most part working with carnal weapons, and thus arranging itself against God's great instrumentality—a christian Sabbath and a preached gospel.

Hence they become schools to quiet the conscience, to nourish indifference, and to augment the prevailing skepticism. In the work of home evangelization we must look well to the social element, and endeavor to reach and control it by the divine benevolence of the gospel, and thus instead of an obstacle, it may become one of the most powerful aids in bringing the masses to the place of divine worship.

4. Another obstacle exists, we are pained to say, in the inactivity of the church as a body. Let a few persons undertake a great work, while a majority of the church are indifferent, and that majority becomes an obstacle.

This work in question cannot be done without the active co-operation of the church. It is the social influence of the church, as the friends of God and man, that must be enlisted. This neglect of the sanctuary for the most part, commences ealry in life. It is among our domestics, apprentices, clerks, and various operatives, which constitute a large part, and the most useful part of society. But they are often poor, their tastes uncultivated, their minds undeveloped, their manners unrefined, perhaps their dress homely, and they are neglected and forgotten. There are few to say, "come with us to the sanctuary and we will do you good." They *feel* this neglect of the church.

Now what is the history of this class of persons? The prudent and industrious at length make themselves respected; many of them work their way to fortune and to places of trust; many of them come to control the politics, and the business enterprises of the country; a few years bring them to this, but they come to it neglected by the church, and without the moulding influences of christianity. Their wealth, their sympathies, their influence, are not on the side of practical and evangelical religion, certainly not with its nobler devolopments. And are we wrong in charging much of these fearful results to the inefficiency and neglect of professed christians? Here then is one obstacle to the work. It must be removed. Every christian should see in each human being an immortal soul for which Christ died, and feel that it is his work to bring all men to worship God.

Let the church take this position as a religious duty, let every man work over against his own house, and work ever till the work is done, and it will soon create a popular sentiment, that any proper respect for the christian religion requires attendance on the weekly worship of the sanctuary. It must be felt, and the conviction must be produced in the minds of the people that good society and good citizenship, yea that respectability requires the observance of the Sabbath and its institutions.

5. Another obstacle we venture to call the aristocracy of religious societies, the spirit which aims to secure to itself a good house of worship, a comfortable pew, an acceptable minister, in a word, a very respectable religious establishment, one that can readily meet all its expenses, while the poor, the ignorant, the uncultivated, the indifferent, the prejudiced, the sceptical, constituting the very class in question, are little thought of; between them and the religious society as a society, there is no sympathy; they believe that there is no interest felt for the spiritual good of themselves and their families; hence they go not into the house of the Lord, and their children's children follow in their footsteps. This topic presents a most serious question in respect to this work of Home Evangelization.

6. Another obstacle to be removed is sectarian bigotry. A small community is divided into various sects, the societies are feeble, and often in their struggles look upon each other as standing in their way; they are but partially supplied with preaching, and that of an indifferent character, hence there is little to attract, and much to repel the indifferent from the house of worship. All who hold to the great essential doctrines of a common christianity, must come into closer fellowship, must have more confidence in each other, and engage with one heart and soul in this common cause. We believe that this is of immense importance in the great work we attempt to do.

7. Lastly, we mention a single obstacle further, and that is a want of church accommodations. This is a more serious obstacle than some are willing to acknowledge. The absence of galleries, the high rent of pews, the difficulty of obtaining them at any price but once in a year, the idea of rank and distinction that is fostered, the utter impossibility for some families to procure seats, together with the want of personal interest—on the part of the society on the one hand, and the class in question on the other,—all combine to exclude many from the place of worship. How this obstacle is to be removed, it may be difficult to show, but it will be found essential in the work of home evangelization, to make our houses of worship more accessible; that our church bells may ring out the glad sound from Sabbath to Sabbath; "Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters: and he that hath no money!"

Some of these obstacles were hinted at in our former report, this latter especially; and we feel now more fully convinced that all these must be met in every step of our work. To remove them is an essential part of our work.

We close this report with expressing the earnest desire that the subject may not be suffered to rest here, that there may be prompt and efficient action; *first*, to ascertain what measures each individual church and society may take to accomplish this work, within their own limits; and *secondly*, to enlist other denominations with our own, in this and other States to take up the subject without delay; and especially that it be made a subject of prayer to the Great Head of the church, for in the language already quoted, "God will show us in what way this thing will be done, if we really wish to know."

In behalf of the committee,

S. H. HAYES.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Five of your committee appointed to visit the Bangor Theological Seminary, having carefully attended to the work assigned them, respectfully report, that, in their opinion, there is much in relation to this Institution for congratulation, and something to be done.

Among considerations worthy of congratulation are the following:

Its alumni are furnishing most of the churches of this State, and many churches in other Eastern States, with able and devoted pastors. They are also found in the Master's service in the great valley of the Mississippi; on the shore of the Pacific Ocean, on British soil, in India, in different parts of the Turkish empire, the Sandwich Islands, and in Micronesia, the most distant post at which the A. B. C. F. M. has erected the standard of the cross.

We cannot believe that without this Seminary the same efficient corps would have been fighting the battles of the Lord in other parts of our own land and the world. Much less can we believe that our own extensive and growing State would have been as well supplied with heralds of salvation as it now is. Doubtless ignorance and sin in their worst forms, would have prevailed where now the preached word is diffusing its benign influences through all the avenues of society, and bringing many sinners to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Therefore the usefulness of this Seminary is a fact, the value of which it would be difficult to over-estimate.

The examinations of the several classes and the anniversary of last August were very satisfactory. The several branches in each department had evidently been ably and faithfully conducted by the Professors, and zealously pursued by the students, who generally seemed to be well prepared according to the progress they had severally made in the regular course of study, to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

The orations on Tuesday evening before the societies and those of anniversary day, were full of noble sentiments well arranged, and delivered with uncommon ease and force.

Those members of the committee, who had attended previous anniversaries of this Seminary, thought that the last did not suffer in comparison with any others, while a distinguished divine from another State was heard to say with emphasis, that he had never been present anywhere on a similar occasion, when the performances were of so high an order.

The graduating class was comparatively large, consisting of nineteen members, and, considering its time of service, it is not behind its predecessors in self-denying works of usefulness. Six are preaching as pastors or stated supplies in this State, 4 are settled in Massachusetts, and 2 in Vermont; 2 are pursuing their course of study another year, 2, who were Free-Will Baptists, are well employed in their own denomination, 1 has gone a missionary to the Western States, 1 a missionary to the Sandwich Islands, and 1 is to go a missionary to Syria.

The present number of undergraduates in the Seminary is 40, and the year thus far has been one of prosperity. It is understood that the Senior Professor, in addition to his other onerous labors, has prepared and delivered a long and able course of lectures on Dogmatic History. May the light of his learning and experience long shine upon this tower of the walls of Zion.

The laws, as revised last autumn, throw the whole academical year into one term of 40 weeks, bringing the anniversary on the last Wednesday of July, to be followed by a vacation of 12 weeks.

The Seminary has a valuable library, judiciously selected, with special reference to the wants of the theological student, which has been increased the current year by about 200 volumes; its buildings are in good repair; it has three professorships well endowed and well filled.

When we consider the internal character of this Seminary, and that it is located on a commanding, quiet eminence in the heart of a flourishing city, which contains three large churches of our own denomination, all deeply interested in the welfare of the students, while the destitute population in the neighborhood invites benevolent, christian effort, we are impressed with the fact that the young men connected with it, enjoy in an eminent degree the advantages afforded by a well-regulated Theological Seminary, and at the same time such advantages as have generally been thought peculiar to a course of study under the pastor of a large, cordial parish. Hence the characteristic combination of theological attainments and practical learning of its graduates.

We are next to consider the *wants* of the Seminary.

It may be inferred from what has already been said, that what is to be done is not by way of changes, but additions.

The demand for the long-contemplated building to be occupied as a library and chapel, has become most pressing. It is much needed for the library as it is, and for the present number of students. Moreover, the library is annually growing larger, and we cannot but believe that recent revivals in the colleges and churches of New England will soon bring to our Seminary, candidates for the ministry in larger numbers.

What is needed to accomplish this good work but proper effort? And what is needed to stimulate such effort, but a proper presentation of the subject to our enterprising patriots and christians? Let them consider that choice library, worth some $13,000, crowded into a wing of a wooden building used for a boarding house, the bell long since provided for a chapel on a little, temporary frame, and the beautiful spot of ground that is in anxious waiting for a commodious, substantial building, and they will doubtless be gratified to see so plain a case of duty before them. Let them know that a few men like themselves have already subscribed $500 each for this object, and we trust no part of the requisite sum will long be wanting.

Were a proposition made to remove old buildings for others, or to effect any great changes, many difficulties might appear to cause hesitation and delay; but since to a pleasing extent all is well, and a consistent addition only is required, nothing appears to hinder the work here recommended, but a want of pecuniary ability, and proper information on the part of the friends of humanity and religion. And has not God put the means into somebody's hands?

Were this large and growing State entirely destitute of a Theological Seminary, we doubt not that the importance of a well-endowed and vigorously operating institution of this kind would appear so great, that a strenuous effort would be immediately made to found one. How grateful is the thought that, in the good providence of God, we have such a Seminary with the healthy growth of [illegible] years, which only needs one more building, one more professorship, and a com-

tingent fund, with the united prayers and continued aid of the friends of Zion, to answer our highest wants.

And we would here state that at a meeting of the Trustees last autumn, Professor Pond, who has sustained the labor of two Professorships, viz: that of Theology, and that of Ecclesiastical History, for more than twenty years, sent in a communication, in which he desired, so soon as practicable, to be released from one of them. And as he earnestly desired, while he lived, to see the Professorship of Theology filled by a faithful and acceptable young man, Professor Pond signified his wishes to the Trustees, that they would make an appointment to that Professorship, leaving to him in future only the department of History. Acting upon this suggestion, the Trustees, at a recent meeting, unanimously elected the Rev. Samuel Harris of Pittsfield, Mass., to the Professorship of Theology. It is not ascertained, as yet, whether he accepts the appointment. It is earnestly hoped that he may do so, and, in case he does, Prof. Pond will resign that department to him.

Approving this measure, your Committee recommend the endowment of a fourth professorship. May not the Trustees rely on men of fortune to supply this lack?

Your Committee were gratified to learn, what has been told them since the above was written, that the Trustees have appointed agents to raise the funds necessary to effect the proposed improvements, and they earnestly recommend that this Conference should aid to accomplish the work at the earliest possible date.

Your Committee heartily commend this Institution, in all its interests, to the fostering care of all the churches of this Conference. May our affections rally around it—may our prayers ascend for it—may our timely aid be afforded it to the full extent of its wants.

In behalf of the Committee,

J. H. STEARNS.

TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

	Elected.
Rev. JOHN MALTBY, of Bangor, *President*,	1835
Rev. DAVID THURSTON, of East Searsport, *Vice President*,	1814
JOHN McDONALD, Esq., of Bangor, *Secretary*,	1845
GEO. A. THATCHER, Esq., of Bangor, *Treasurer and Agent*,	1850
Rev. John Sawyer, of Garland,	1814
Eliashib Adams, Esq., of Bangor,	1817
Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Augusta,	1825
Geo. W. Pickering, Esq., of Bangor,	1837
Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot,	1839
Adams H. Merrill, Esq., of Corinth,	1845
Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport,	1850
Rev. Geo. E. Adams, D. D., of Brunswick,	1850
Joseph S. Wheelwright, Esq., of Bangor,	1850
Samuel Pickard, Esq., of Lewiston Falls,	1852
Henry Darling, Esq, of Bucksport,	1852

PROFESSORS.

Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., Waldo Professor of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiastical History,	1832
Rev. George Shepard, D. D., Page Professor of Sacred Rhetoric, and Pastoral Duties,	1836
Rev. D. Talcott Smith, D. D., Professor of Sacred Literature,	1839
Rev. Samuel Harris, of Pittsfield, Mass., has been elected to fill the Professorship of Theology,	1855

Rev. Dr. Pond devoting himself henceforward to the duties of Professor of Ecclesiastical History.

The usual time for admission to the Seminary, is twelve weeks from the Anniversary—which is now held on the last Wednesday in July.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In presenting the Sixth Annual Report upon Sabbath Schools, your Committee would glance at the causes leading to the introduction of this subject as part of the established exercises of the Conference.

It is nearly ten years since the feeling began to be expressed, thatwe were not giving the subject of Sabbath Schools the place which its importance demanded. In 1848, the Kennebec Conference instructed its delegates to urge upon the General Conference at Bangor, a more definite recognition of this cause; asking for it a distinct place in the arrangements of the annual meetings.

No plan was at that time digested, but the next year the Conference appointed a secretary or committee of one, to report upon Sabbath Schools, at its next annual meeting Rev. S. H. Hayes was made this committee. His first report made at South Berwick, will not soon be forgotten. The audience was thrilled with the announcement, established by ponderous columns of statistics, that after all our efforts, thousands and scores of thousands of our youth were wholly beyond the reach of direct scripture instruction, growing up, going out into the world, and going down to death with no one caring for their souls.

The interest awakened or intensified by that report, led naturally to the recommitment of the subject, and its annual consideration. It also welcomed the proposal of the American S. S. Union to appoint an Agent for the State, whose duty it should be to labor more as a missionary for the neglected children of Maine, than as an Agent for the Society; or, better, upon the broad principles of the Union, laboring most effectually for our neglected children. All minds turned towards Rev. Mr. Hayes, as pre-eminently the man for this arduous post, and when his physical inability to meet the "wear and tear" of an agent's journeyings and exposures, forced him to decline the office, to no one was it more a matter of regret than to him who four years has been laboring, alas, too ineffectually to fill it.

A few items referring to the progress and results of this agency, may not be amiss, in this connection:

It has involved journeyings on the part of the agent to the amount of more than 25,000 miles. The addresses he has made, number nearly 1100, in cities and towns containing more than two-thirds of our population.

By the liberality of the churches (Christ's people of the different denominations uniting in this work) he has been enabled to employ between 40 and 50 helpers in the missionary department. Many of these have been young men of the choicest spirit, men of deep piety, burning zeal, and indefatigable perseverence. And they have found in their work a call for all their native powers and added christian graces. There has been indifference to awaken, sluggishness amounting to torpor and stagnation itself to arouse, prejudices to disarm, frivolous objections and sometimes petty stubborn opposition to meet and overcome. To know the Sabbath School missionary work in Maine, one needs to know our State, not only in these vineyards of the Lord, where long years of faithful toil, accompanied by genial influences of the Spirit, have nurtured plants of loveliness, but in the tangled wilderness of error, the waste places, the desolations of our State, where the Sabbath is disregarded, the sanctuary unknown, the voice of prayer scarcely heard. Into such communities—not all of them in the far-off Aroostook, but found, sometimes, almost within reach of our church bells—your missionary laborers have thrown themselves. In them have been established 228 Schools, feeble little bands it is true, needing much encouragement that they may be strengthened to the point of permanent prosperity, oftentimes never attaining that point, and yet warranting ten-fold the expenditure made in their behalf, if they but for one season bring something of the Sabbath to a community wholly neglected of it, some precious passages of God's word to the minds of children almost as utterly in darkness respecting its teachings, as the children of benighted Burmah.

Omitting passages from the reports of these Missionary brethren, showing the state of communities among which they have labored, their mode of operating, and the cheering results, we pass to consider the statistics of our Schools.

Many of our Conferences chose, during the last year, a committee for the county to report upon Sabbath Schools, but from only three of these have returns been made to your State Committee. This error should be corrected. How would the interest of this annual report be increased, could it present a view of our Schools furnished by carefully prepared reports from our local Conferences? And how would the interest in this cause be deepened, by the presentation at each County Conference of such a report? May we not hope for a more kindly co-ope-

ation in this matter for the future, thereby greatly increasing the efficiency of our whole system?

Aroostook Conference sends report through Rev. A. J. Bates, of 12 schools connected with our churches, 7 of which are Union Schools. Total number of scholars 635. Several Union Schools besides these, are not yet fully in operation for the season. These added, would make the number of scholars about 850.

We need to have our whole northern region explored and encouraged by a S. School missionary every season. The Superintendents and Teachers, so feeble as they feel themselves, wish to see the face of some one to encourage them. The American Sabbath School Union may do much for us here.

Union Conference sends a full and interesting report, through E. W. Woodbury, Esq., committee. Whole number of teachers and scholars 1268, of whom 333 are adults. Though there is some advance in this region, there is still room for more. "Of the more than 1000 members of our churches, less than half are connected with our Sabbath Schools. One half of our churches do not sustain their Schools through the winter.

The report pleads most earnestly for a change upon both these points—that all professors of religion should connect themselves with the School, and that it be vigorously sustained through the entire year.

The Penobscot Conference sends, as usual, through E. F. Duren, Committee, a thoroughly prepared annual statement of its 26 Schools, containing 2333 members, with an average attendance of 1708, 40 adult classes, and 14 infant classes. Contributions $1089. Separate missionary organizations in 3 Schools; missionary correspondence in 4 Schools—1 with the Micronesian mission, 1 with the Sandwich Islands, 1 with the Diarbekir, and 1 with the Gaboon. There is greatly increased interest in the monthly Sabbath School Concert.

One of the Schools in this Conference is worthy of special notice. The average attendance on 31 pleasant Sabbaths of the year 259; on 15 cloudy Sabbaths 240; on 6 stormy Sabbaths 145—a larger number on the most unfavorable weather than many even of our city Schools can gather in the most pleasant.

Teachers have been unusually punctual at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting of the church. The next Sabbath lesson is made the subject. The morning sermon is frequently upon the same or a nearly related topic. The Sabbath School Concert is attended by large numbers, even amid winter storms.

The missionary circle of this School has given $150, and the S. School $100 to sustain the Gaboon mission. They have given more—*one of their own number*, Susan Pierce—spoken of by the Pastor as another Harriet Newell—"a name as sweet, a pen as graphic, a life as pure, a heart as noble, a character as symmetrical, a faith as steadfast, a devotion as complete."

May it not well be added, in behalf of the School, "Our hearts will ever be linked to this mission, and the missionary cause." In conclusion, the report of this favored school states, that "ten or twelve have been known to be anxious about their spiritual welfare, and some have consecrated themselves to Christ."

Other very interesting Schools are presented in the report, but from this brief abstract of one, let us gather the *elements of a prosperous Sabbath School*.

1. *A church enlisted*, so deeply as to make their weekly prayer meeting bear directly and statedly upon it. A School surrounded by the warm breath of prayer, a School thus encircled by the arms and borne upon the heart of the church, must be prosperous.

2. *A minister*, appreciating the position of the Sunday School as an auxiliary of the sanctuary, linking the presentation of truth from the pulpit, with the lessons of the School, leading his people in their ever-deepening zeal in this cause.

3. *Teachers*, punctual in attendance, earnest in effort, united and importunate in prayer. Important as is the post of Superintendent, essential as are his devotion and prudence and unflagging steadfastness, the prosperity of the School still rests mainly with the teachers.

4. *The Monthly Sabbath School Concert*, a mass meeting for the young, prudently varied from time to time in its exercises, concentrating and deepening the interest upon the subject.

5. *A missionary spirit*, leading to gifts not of money only, but of beloved members of the School, whose dust, mingling with the soil of heathen lands, shall hold the hearts of the living, in deep and earnest sympathy for the perishing.

Could all our Schools combine these elements of prosperity, would they not be abundantly fruitful, "like the garden of the Lord."

S. SOUTHER, Jr., Committee.

VOTES OF CONFERENCE

REGULATING ITS BUSINESS, PASSED SINCE THE REVISION OF THE BYE-LAWS IN 1839.

1842. *Voted*, That the Recording Secretary notify members appointed to services by the Conference, of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

1845. That the printed minutes of the conference be the certificates to members of their appointments as delegates to corresponding bodies.

1847. That in case any delegate to corresponding bodies be unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

1850. To issue the minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each minister a copy by mail.

1852. There shall be a standing committee of six persons, so constituted that one third of its members shall go out of office each year, and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board, shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this conference.

The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

1853–4. That the returns of the churches be made up to, and including the first Sabbath in June of each year,—and that the publishing committee be authorized to prepare blank schedules and furnish them to the several Conferences for that purpose.

That the several county Conferences be requested to nominate at their annual meeting, one of their number to represent them on the committee appointed to visit the Bangor Seminary: the Clerks of the Conferences to report the nominations to the General Conference for acceptance and insertion in the Minutes.

1855. That the publishing committee make known to the several county Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the minutes of the Conference, or whatever balance may be due, after appropriating the annual collection at General Conference. [A similar vote passed in 1853.]

The Constitution and By-Laws, as revised in 1839, are published in the Minutes of last year.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Office and Reading Room of the American Congregational Union, Rev. J. Atkinson, Secretary, No. 8 Appleton's Building, 346 and 348 Broadway, New York City. Rev Leonard Bacon, D. D. of New Haven, President; Rev. George Shepard, D. D., Vice President from Maine.

Annual Meeting in New York on the second Thursday of May, 1856.

Office of the Congregational Board of Publication, Rev. S. Harding, Recording Secretary and Agent, No. 16 Tremont Temple, Boston.

Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D. D., of Portland, President; Rev. Joseph S. Clark, D. D., of Boston, Corresponding Secretary.

Annual Meeting last Wednesday of May. The payment of one dollar constitutes Membership, and secures a Proprietorship for life in the Library.

Congregational Association of Minnesota, meets fourth Wednesday of October (22d) 1855, at Anoka.

Evangelical Association of the Wabash Valley, Indiana, organized 1845.

Congregational Association of California and Oregon; Meetings semi-annually in April and October.

Congregational Union of England and Wales,——

The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick meet on Thursday October 11, 1855, at Liverpool N. S. Annual Meeting, Thursday, July 10, 1856, at Sheffield, N. B. Omitted in part of the edition., page 11.

Rev. David Shepley is Treasurer of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society—Dr. Ellingwood (Page 7) having resigned.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING IN CALAIS,

JUNE 24, 25 AND 26, 1856.

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The Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Maine, will be held with the Central Church, Bath, commencing on Tuesday, June 23, 1857, at 9 o'clock A. M., continuing in session four days.

Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, on Tuesday evening.

FIFTIETH, or Jubilee Anniversary, of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday, June 24th, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Anniversary of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, Wednesday P. M.

MINUTES.

The THIRTIETH Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, was held with the Congregational Church in Calais, commencing on Tuesday, June 24, 1856, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator, Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, of Dover, read the one hundred and twenty second Psalm, and led in prayer.

United in singing, Select Hymn 194,—"Kindred in Christ."—*(Ward.)*

The Certificates of Delegates were presented and the names of Members enrolled.

The COUNTY CONFERENCES were represented as follows:

AROOSTOOK.—Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Rev. E. Knight, Deacon Wm. Stevens, J. B. Ludden.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D.D., Rev. J. Drummond, Rev. L. Conklin, Sylvanus Blanchard, Samuel Tyler, Brown Thurston.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. William Davenport, Samuel Wyman.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Rev. Henry K. Craig, Dea. Samuel Adams, John H. Jarvis.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D.D., Rev. Benjamin Smith, George J. Means, John Dow.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, Rev. C. H. Wheeler, Rev. E. Whittlesey, James Oliver.

OXFORD.—Rev. M. Gould, Rev. Benjamin G. Willey, Josiah Brown, C. A. Newhall.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. Javan K. Mason, Rev. E. Douglass, E. B. Pierce, J. Evarts Pond.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. William S. Sewall, Rev. P. B. Thayer, Deacon Stephen Smith.

SOMERSET.—

UNION.—Rev. Samuel Souther, Rev. J. P. Richardson, Edward Shirley.

WALDO.—Rev. David Thurston, D. D., Rev. Samuel Hopley, Wellington Newell, Jacob L. Havner.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. J. H. Stearns, Rev. G. Bacheller, Deacon John Kilby, Deacon James Gilpatrick.

YORK.—Rev. John Orr, Rev. Albert W. Fiske, J. Perkins, W. G. Conant.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Officers.—Rev. W. Parker, Rev. S. H. Hayes, Dea. E. F. Duren.

Members of Committees.—Rev. Messrs. John Maltby, Stephen Thurston, William Davenport, J. E. M. Wright, H. K. Craig, John C. Adams, Samuel H. Keeler, H. Q. Butterfield, George E. Adams, D. D., S. H. Hayes, Edward F.

Cutter, William T. Dwight, D. D., John O. Fiske, David Shepley, Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Samuel Souther, Amasa Loring, David Cushman, John Orr, David B. Sewall, Albert Cole, Hon. George Downes, Dea. E. F. Duren.

Preacher.—J. R. Munsell.

Minister of the Place.—Rev. S. H. Keeler.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies who fulfilled their appointment.—Rev. Joseph R. Munsell, Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., Rev. John Maltby, Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., and (by letter,) Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D., Rev. S. H. Keeler.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Congrega'l Union,	Rev. Thomas Lightbody.
Evangelical Consociation of Cong. Chs. Rhode Island,	" Timothy A. Taylor.
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (o. s.)	" Isaac W. Platt.
" " " (N. S.)	" Asa D. Smith, D.D.
Maine Baptist Convention, - - - - - -	" Henry V. Dexter.

The following Societies were represented:

American Bible Society, - - - - - -	by Rev. Richard Woodhull.
" Tract Society, - - - - - -	" J. W. Turner,
" Seamen's Friend Society, - - -	" J. Rowell.
" Colonization Society, - - - -	" John Orcutt.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick—

Voted.—That Ordained Ministers present be invited to sit as Honorary Members, and take part in our deliberations.

The mover expressed the gratification we felt in seeing so many brethren present from the neighboring Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

A season of devotional exercises followed, in which remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick; Rev. R. Woodhull, of Thomaston; and prayer offered by Rev. Thomas Lightbody and Rev. R. Wilson, from the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Congregational Union, and Dr. Adams.

Sung Hymn 142, Book 2—"Not all the blood of beasts"—*(Boylston.)*

Rev. S. H. Keeler, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, made a report, which was accepted, and a recess of ten minutes followed.

At 11 o'clock the opening Sermon was delivered by the Rev. John Maltby, of Bangor.

Text, 2 Cor. 11: 3.—"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve, through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

The Preacher referred to three modes of operating against Christianity. The *first*, and least dangerous of all, is the direct attack. The *second*, and more dangerous way, is simply to discard it—to pass it by in silence, and to undertake to do good without it. The *third*, and most dangerous way, is to practice a cheat—pretending to employ Christianity, yet not doing it. It is against this last, most critical and insidious form of danger, that the text cautions us. It is that which is most prevalent at the present day. It is seen in books, in systems of morality, in lectures and associations, which do not put forth the Gospel of Christ as the grand means of enlightening and saving men.

Devotional exercises by Rev. Prof. Tomkins, of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, and Rev. J. Maltby.

Sung Hymn 144 Book 2,—"Great was the day, the joy was great."—*Migdol.*

Do. 150 do.—"Sin has a thousand treacherous arts."—*Temple-chant.*

The Committee reported the exercises of the afternoon. Conference then adjourned, to meet at half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

Half-past 2 P. M.—Devotional exercises.

Sung Hymn 144, Book 1.—"For ever blessed be the Lord."—*(Marlow.)*

Ephesians 4th Chapter, read by the Moderator.

Rev. J. Eaton, of Isle de Haut, Rev. E. Douglass, of Old Town, and Brother J. L. Havner, of Belfast, led in prayer; and remarks were made by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick, Rev. D. Thurston, and Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, Rev. R. Woodhull, of Thomaston, Rev. A. E. Ives and Deacon S. Adams, of Castine, Rev. J. Maltby, of Bangor, Brother J. L. Havner, of Belfast, and Rev. C. W. Richardson, of Northfield.

Sung Ps. 102, Part 2.—"Let Zion and her sons rejoice."

Rev. Thomas Lightbody, of Sheffield, N. B., Delegate from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, addressed the Conference in words of fraternal and Christian fellowship.

The Choir sung—"The Lord will comfort Zion."

3 *o'clock.*—The Committee on HOME EVANGELIZATION, through their Chairman, Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, offered a Report on that subject.

It was adopted,—and ordered to be printed with the Minutes—after remarks from Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick, Rev. Dr. Thurston, of Searsport, and Rev. J. Maltby, of Bangor.

Sung Select Hymn 320.—"Grace first contrived the way."—*Silver Street.*

Resolutions on TEMPERANCE were introduced by Rev. S. Thurston.

Remarks were made on the subject by him, Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta, Rev. S. H. Hayes, of Frankfort, Rev. A. E. Ives, of Castine, Deacon Crocker, of Machias, and Rev. S. Souther, of Fryeburg.

For an amendment, the Resolutions were committed to Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston, D. Cushman, and S. H. Hayes.

After the Committee had made their report,

On motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, they were laid on the table, to be taken up at a subsequent period—several being desirous of considering them further.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. J. R. Munsell, Delegate to the Maine Baptist Convention, spoke of his cordial reception by that body, at its late Annual Meeting in Rockland.

Rev. J. Maltby, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (o. s.), which met at New York in May, stated that he was received by them with marked courtesy and respect.

Rev. Dr. Dwight also reported his cordial reception as Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. s.), which met in the same city.

Rev. Dr. Tappan, Delegate with Rev. E. B. Webb, of Augusta, to corresponding bodies at the West, reported his attendance upon, and grateful reception by the Association of ILLINOIS, at Ottowa, and of IOWA, at Grinnel.

Rev. E. B. Webb expressed our fraternal regards to the General Association of MICHIGAN, at Jackson, and to the OHIO General Conference, at Dayton.

Rev. Dr. Carruthers stated, that as Delegate to the Congregational Union of Canada, he addressed to them a letter, not being able to attend in person.

Rev. S. H. Keeler, Delegate to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, addressed to them a letter, at their adjourned meeting in October, and was designing to attend in person the Annual Meeting in July.

After a Report from the Committee of Arrangements, Conference adjourned, to meet on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday Evening.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., President, in the Chair.

The Choir sung—"The Lord is my Shepherd."

Reading Scriptures and prayer, by Rev. E. Whittlesey, of Bath.

Sung Ps. 87, v. 3, 4, 5,—"What glories were described of old."—*Old Hundred.*

Sermon by Rev. H. S. Carpenter, of Portland. Phil. 2 : 4.—"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."—*Subject*—Christian Philanthropy,—as distinguished from its counterfeits,—its nature and its energy—its only vital principle, Christian faith.

Rev. Dr. Tappan referred to the object and wants of the Society, and the Annual Collection was taken up, which amounted to $117.

The Choir chanted—"Hear our Prayer."

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Rev. Dr. Tappan, President; Deacon S. Adams, Vice President; Rev. E. F. Cutter, Secretary; Rev. D. Shepley, of Winslow, Treasurer.

Trustees.—The President and Secretary, ex-officiis; Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, E. Pond, E. Jones, D. Shepley, S. Tenney, I. Rogers, R. Woodhull.

First Preacher for 1857, - - - - - Rev. George W. Field, of Brewer.
Substitute, - - - - - - - - - " Edwin B. Webb, of Augusta.

A vote was passed, requesting the Churches on the Sabbath immediately preceding or following the day of Annual Thanksgiving, to take up a collection in aid of the Society.

A statement from the Treasurer, respecting the operations of this Society, may be found on a subsequent page.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25—SECOND DAY.

Half-past 5 o'clock, A. M.—Prayer Meeting conducted by Rev. John W. Chickering, D. D., of Portland.

Remarks by him, Rev. B. G. Willey, of Sumner, Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Port-

land, Deacon William A. Crocker, of Machias. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Turner, of Andover, Mass., Rev. Thomas Lightbody, of Sheffield, N. B., and Deacon S. Adams, of Castine.

A similar meeting was held at Milltown, (St. Stephen,) New Brunswick, conducted by Rev. Benjamin Smith, of Litchfield. Rev. Mr. Ross, of St. Andrews, N. B., Rev. Mr. Storer, of St. John, N. B., Deacon George Peabody, of Eastport, Brother William Todd, of St. Stephen, N. B., and others, took part in the exercises.

Eight o'clock A. M.—Conference resumed its session.

The fifteenth chapter of John was read by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Joseph Peart, of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.

Rev. Sewell Tenney, of Ellsworth, and Rev. David Cushman, of Newcastle, were appointed on the Committee of Nomination, to take the place of two whose term of office had expired.

On motion—

Voted, That eighteen hundred copies of the Minutes be published for the coming year.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, from the Committee on the Exercises of Conference, made a Report, which, after an amendment and remarks by Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hayes, J. K. Mason, J. Maltby, J. Drummond, E. Whittlesey, S. C. Fessenden, and J. H. Stearns, was re-committed, with instructions to consider the question of adding another day to the session of Conference, and to report before the adjournment.

Rev. S. H. Hayes, of Frankfort, and Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of Warren, were subsequently added to the Committee on this subject.

The Resolutions on Temperance were taken up, and remarks made by Rev. S. E. Whittlesey, Rev. S. Thurston, and Rev. John O. Fiske.

At a subsequent session, they were further discussed by Rev. Messrs. S. Thurston, J. O. Fiske, D. Cushman, H. S. Carpenter, of Portland, D. Shepley, of Winslow, Deacons Crocker, of Machias, Adams, of Castine, and Brother E. B. Pierce, of Oldtown,—and were adopted, as follows:—

Resolved, That, while in the Temperance reform, reliance, with the blessing of God, must first be placed upon moral means, the aid of law is still necessary to its complete triumph.

Resolved, That this Conference views with pain the repudiation of the *principle* of prohibitory law, and the enactment in its stead of a license law, the disastrous influence of which is already seen in the great increase of drunkenness throughout the State.

Resolved, That this Conference still cherishes an undiminished attachment to the *principle* of prohibitory legislation, as one of the indispensable means of securing the complete triumph of the temperance reform,—and that we regard it as our duty to make all appropriate efforts to secure the enactment of a wise and efficient prohibitory law.

Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Portland, Chairman of the Committee on the Bye-Laws, submitted a Report, which was adopted.

The Bye-Laws, as amended, may be found on the last page.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At 9 o'clock A. M., this Society observed its 49th Anniversary.

Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, D. D., President, read the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, and led in prayer.

Sung Psalm 72: L. M., Part 1, v. 1—4.

"Great God whose universal sway."—*Paris.*

Sermon by Rev. D. Talcott Smith, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Text, John 17: 21—"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Theme—The nature of CHRISTIAN UNION, and the means to be used to secure it.

The Choir sung a select piece—"O Lord, our Governor."

The Report of the Treasurer; John How, Esq., of Portland, was read by him. Receipts, $14,884. Expenditures, $14,042.

The Report of the Trustees was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Augusta. No. of laborers employed the past year, 95; occupying 98 separate fields—67 have been employed all the year, 14 for six months and upwards, 24 for less than six months. No. added to the Missionary Churches, 231. No. of hopeful conversions, 340—a larger number than during any year since 1842.

The acceptance of the Report was moved by Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D. of New York. Remarks were made by the mover, and also by Rev. D. Cushman, of Newcastle, Rev. J. Drummond, of Lewiston Falls, Dr. Carruthers and Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Portland, and Rev. W. Parker, of Dover.

A collection was taken, amounting to $59.

The public services were closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Carruthers.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President—Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D. *Vice President*—Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D. *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*—Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., of Augusta. *Treasurer*—John How, Esq., of Portland. *Auditors*—W. D. Little and W. C. Mitchell.

Trustees—President, ex-officiis; Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, D. D., B. Tappan, D. D., J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., E. Pond, D. D., E. F. Cutter, J. W. Chickering, D. D., D. Shepley, S. Thurston, I. Rogers, and John How, Esq.

Rev. Drs. Tappan, Ellingwood and Thurston were appointed a Committee of Arrangements for the "Jubilee Anniversary" of the Society, to be held next year, with the Central Church, Bath.

The Committee were directed to extend an invitation to the past officers and members of the Society, especially to those residing abroad, to be present on that occasion.

First Preacher, - - - - -	Rev George B. Little, of Bangor.
Substitute, - - - - - - -	" E. G. Carpenter, of Newcastle.

Wednesday, Two o'clock P. M.

The session of Conference was resumed.

The Scriptures were read by the Moderator, and Rev. J. K. Mason, of Hampden, offered prayer.

Rev. Albert Cole, of Limerick, from the Committee of Nominations, submitted the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or forward a written communication.—The Minutes are their Credentials.—Rule 13.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Fourth Tuesday of August (26th) 1856, at Exeter.

Rev. J. Smith, Delegate. Rev. E. Chapman, Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Third Tuesday of June (16th) 1857, at Bennington.

Rev. P. Titcomb, Delegate. Rev. N. Chapman, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Fourth Tuesday of June (23d) 1857, at Belchertown.

Rev. John C. Adams, Delegate. Rev. H. S. Carpenter, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Third Tuesday of June (16th) 1857, at Lyme.

Rev. T. G. Mitchell, Delegate. Rev. Joseph Blake, Substitute.

EVANGELICAL CONSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, RHODE ISLAND.

Second Tuesday of June (9th) 1857, in Westerly.

Rev. H. S. Loring, Delegate. Rev. Samuel Bowker, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

October 14, 1856, 10 A. M., at Albany.

Rev. R. M. Sawyer, Delegate. Rev. S. S. Drake, Substitute.

PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN.

First Thursday of October, (2d) 1857, in Plymouth Church, Milwaukie.

Rev. S. C. Fessenden, Delegate. Rev. L. Conklin, Substitute.

OHIO CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.

3d Tuesday of June (16th) '57, at Cleaveland.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.

Last Tuesday of May (26th) 1857, at

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.

Third Thursday of May (21st) '57, at Elgin.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.

First Wednesday of June (3d) '57, at

Rev. E. Whittlesey, " David Thurston, D. D., } Primaries. Rev. C. A. Aiken, " S. H. Hayes, } Substitutes.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

July 9, 1857, 2 P. M., at Milltown, (near Liverpool,) N. S.

Rev. J. H. Stearns, Primary. Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.

Third Wednesday of June, (17th) 1857, at Montreal.

Rev. A. T. Loring, Primary. Rev. Daniel Sewall, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (O. S.)

Third Tuesday of May, (21st) 1857, at Lexington, Ky.

Rev. Geo. E. Adams, D. D., Primary. Rev. F. B. Wheeler, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (N. S.)

Third Thursday of May, (21st) 1857, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. S. M. Gould, Primary. Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., Substitute.

MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

June, 1857, at Saco.

Rev. D. Gerry, Primary. Rev. E. Jones, Substitute

EAST MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

June, 1857, at Camden.

Rev. H. Houston, Primary. Rev. P. B. Thayer, Substitute.

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Third Tuesday of June (16th) 1857, at Portland.

Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, Primary. Rev. T. N. Lord, Substitute.

FREEWILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Penobscot—Aug. 20, 1856, at Bradford. *Kennebec*—June 24, 1857, at Augusta.
Western—June 17, 1857, in Cumberland County.

Rev. A. W. Fiske, Primary. Rev. M. Holman, Substitute.

COMMITTEES.

Home Evangelization.—Rev. Messrs. John R. Adams, F. B. Wheeler, E. B. Webb, S. Souther, T. G. Mitchell, S. Tenney, S. Thurston, A. Loring.

Standing of Ministers.—Rev. Drs. Dwight, Pond, Tappan, Adams, and Rev. E. F. Cutter.

Sabbath Schools.—Rev. Samuel Souther.

Publication of Minutes—Rev. Dr. Pond, Rev. S. H. Hayes, Dea. E. F. Duren.

TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

Aroostook Conference.—		Rev. J. E. M. Wright, of Burlington.
Cumberland	"	Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham.
Franklin	"	Rev. William Davenport, of Strong.
Hancock	"	Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth.
Kennebec	"	Rev. William B. Green, of Waterville.
Lincoln and Sagadahoc		Rev. S. S. Drake, of Woolwich.
Oxford	"	Rev. Horace Pratt, of Norway.
Penobscot	"	Rev. Samuel L. Bowler, of Orono.
Piscataquis	"	Rev. William S. Sewall, of Brownville.
Somerset	"	Rev. Henry White, of St. Albans.
Union	"	Rev. Chas. B. Smith, Sweden.
Waldo	"	Dea. E. Beman, of Belfast.
Washington	"	Hon. George Downes, of Calais.
York	"	Rev. Albert W. Fisk, of Kittery.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, (23d) 1857, at 9 o'clock A. M., with the Central Church in Bath.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. E. Whittlesey, Rev. J. O. Fiske, Brethren Charles Burnham, and Otis Kimball.

PREACHERS.

Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D. D., Primary. Rev. Samuel Harris, D.D., Substitute.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Messrs. A. Cole, J. R. Adams, J. Maltby, W. Davenport, S. Tenney, D. Cushman.

Treasurer—Dea. Samuel Sweetser, of Portland.

Auditor.—Dea A. R. Mitchell, of Bath.

The Report of the Treasurer was read. Receipts $277 82. Expenditures $198 35. Paid balance of old account $41 82. On hand, to new account $37 65. The Report was duly audited by Dea. S. Adams, of Castine, and by vote of Conference, accepted.

Adjourned—to meet at the close of the Anniversary Exercises of the Education Society.

MAINE BRANCH OF AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The President, Rev. David Thurston, D. D., took the Chair.

The Choir sung—"The Lord will comfort Zion."

Prayer was offered by the President.

The Report of the Treasurer, Prof Wm. Smyth, of Brunswick, was read in his absence, by Rev. Dr. Adams. Receipts, $1914. Expenditures, $2060. This Branch has drawn from the Parent Society the past year, as much as has been paid by the Churches in the State, during that time.

Owing to the removal of the Secretary, Rev. Prof. Hitchcock, from the State, no annual report was presented.

Rev. R. Woodhull, of Bangor, made an appeal in behalf of this cause, dwelling chiefly upon the demand so pressing at this time, for Ministers and Pastors, and upon the means of meeting it.

A contribution was taken on the following day, in aid of the Society, amounting to $50.

Officers Elected.—Rev. D. Thurston. D. D., *President*; Rev E. Pond, D D., *Vice President*; Rev George Shepard, D. D., of Bangor, *Secretary*; Rev Prof. William Smyth, of Brunswick, *Treasurer*; The President and Secretary, ex-off, Rev. Messrs. D. Shepley, B. Tappan, D. D., and Prof. A. S. Packard, *Directors*.

Three o'clock P. M. Conference resumed its session.

United in singing Hymn 135, Book 1:

"Come dearest Lord, descend and dwell
By faith and love in every breast."—(*Ward*.)

REPORTS OF DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Timothy A. Taylor, of Slatersville, from the Evangelical Consociation of Congregational Churches, Rhode Island.

Rev. Isaac W. Platt, of West Farms, New York, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.)

Rev. Asa D Smith, D. D., of New York City, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.)

Rev. Thomas Lightbody, of Sheffield, N.B., from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Rev. Henry V. Dexter, of Augusta, from the Maine Baptist Convention.

Rev. Horace Wood of Ossipee, Delegate from the General Association of New Hampshire, being prevented by ill health from being present, sent a fraternal message, through Rev. Albert Cole, of Limerick, and a package of the Minutes of their last meeting.

A letter was read by Rev. Dr. Chickering, from Rev. Aaron C. Adams, Delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts.

Also, a note from Rev. John Fraser, of Kingston, (C. W.) Secretary of the Congregational Union of Canada.

A letter was read by the Scribe, from Rev. William S. Clark, of Lima, Delegate from the General Association of Michigan.

Also, a letter from Rev. A. B. Robins, of Muscatine, Delegate from the General Association of Iowa, accompanied with Resolutions passed by that body on Church Extension, partly in response to the action of this Conference on that subject.

[The first two letters are published in the Me. Evangelist; the last two in the Ch. Mirror.]

Sung—"Blest be the tie that binds."—*(Watchman)*

Rev. S. Souther, of Fryeburg, Committee of Conference on Sabbath Schools, made the annual report, which was accepted, and directed to be published with the Minutes.

Rev. John Orcutt, Agent of the American Colonization Society, referred to the work which that Society was accomplishing, especially in Africa.

Rev. J. Rowell, Seaman's Chaplain at Panama, spoke of the claims of seamen. Maine, with her extensive sea-coast, and thirty thousand sailors, ought to be deeply interested in the cause.

Rev. J. W. Turner, in behalf of the American Tract Society, Boston, enforced the importance of sustaining vigorously this important agency, which God has blessed, and is blessing still. Those whose attention had been diverted from the great work of the Society, by the question of Slavery, were desired to suspend their judgment, until the report of the Committee on the subject is presented and acted upon.

Sung—"Come we that love the Lord."

Rev. Dr. Dwight made a statement respecting the value of the Congregational Year-Book, as a book of reference, copies of which for 1856, had been sent for sale by the American Congregational Union.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the exercises for the evening, and the next morning.

After the Benediction by Rev. R. Woodhull,

Adjourned.

Wednesday Evening.

Rev. Professor Cornish, of Milltown, near Liverpool, Nova Scotia, read the fifth chapter of Matthew, and led in prayer.

The Choir sung, with much skill and in good taste—

"Glory be to God on high."

The topic reported for discussion, and which occupied the whole evening, was the following:—

"The duty of *Christian* Men touching the present crisis of our country."

A subject, it was remarked, that could not be contemplated without concern—a subject, to discuss which adequately, required not only Christian feeling, but the wisdom of a Statesman.

Our first duty was to put ourselves under the direction of Almighty God—to trust Him. He has governed the world well—we can trust Him for the future. We should pray—beg of God to pity us, and interpose for our deliverance. We should speak out—not harshly nor rantingly, but plainly and boldly—against the action of the slave power. Can say—NO EXTENSION OF SLAVERY. Spread light every where; vote for rulers who give the fairest promise of standing right on the question of *freedom to all*, and, rather than submit to the extension of slavery, and to have the system entailed upon us; to resist even unto blood. God grant this necessity may never come.

Rev. Dr. Dwight, of Portland, occupied the first hour, and was followed by remarks from Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Portland, Rev. J. Drummond, of Lewiston Falls, Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick, Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, Rev. Asa D. Smith, D. D., of New York, Rev. A. E. Ives, of Castine, and J. L. Havner, of Belfast.

Fervent prayer was offered in reference to the whole subject, not forgetting the millions of those who are now enslaved—in which Rev. Dr. Tappan led.

During the evening, the choir sung

"My country 'tis of thee."—(*America.*)

and at the close, a Select Piece,—

"Oppression shall not always reign."

Each of which no doubt, found a hearty response in every heart.

After Benediction, by Rev. Dr. Tappan,

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26—THIRD DAY.

5½ o'clock, A. M.

A prayer meeting was held, conducted by Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.

Remarks by him, Rev. J. S. Stearns, of Dennisville, Rev G. Bacheller of Machias Port, Rev. T. Smith, of Brewer Village, Rev. S. H. Keeler, of Calais, and Rev. Prof. Wilson, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Interesting accounts of revivals of religion were communicated.

In the remarks of S. H. Keeler, touching reference was made to parting from those who would be obliged to leave by the boat this morning, before the sessions should close.

Rev P. B. Thayer, of Garland, and Rev. L. Conklin, of Freeport, led in prayer.

A prayer meeting at the same hour, was held in St. Stephen, N. B., [Milltown]—conducted by Rev. E. Douglass of Oldtown.

Remarks and prayer by himself, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, of St. Stevens, N. B., Rev. H. G. Storer, of St. Johns, N. B., Dea. Lincoln, of Perry, and others.

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8 o'clock A. M.—Met according to adjournment.

The Moderator read Psalm 119, 1—24.

Prayer by Rev. Timothy A. Tayler, Delegate from Rhode Island.

Rev. John O. Fiske Chairman of the Committee, *On the mode of conducting the services of Conference*,—made a report.

After some suggestions from Rev. G. E. Adams, D.D., Rev E. F. Cutter, and Rev. J. Maltby, it was,

Voted, That this Report, together with that of the Committee of last year, of which Professer Shepard was Chairman, be printed with the Minutes, and the whole subject be referred to the next meeting of Conference.

Rev. J. Rowell, of Panama. by request, gave some account of the last days of Rev. ASA CUMMINGS, D. D., who has for so many years been identified with the Churches of Maine, and for whom even in his last hours, he did not cease to pray. Returning from a visit to Panama he was attacked by disease,—and on the sixth of June last, his body was committed to the ocean, in hope of a blessed resurrection.

The choir chanted very appropriately the words,

"Mark the perfect man."

Rev. D. Shepley, of Winslow, Chairman of the Committee to visit the THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY at BANGOR. read a Report;—which was accepted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Rev. R. Woodhull, Agent of the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, presented the claims of that Institution.

Sung 326 Select Hymn, V—1, 4, 5.

"How sweet, how heavenly is the sight."—(*Litchfield.*)

Rev. J. Drummond, of Lewiston Falls, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted.—

That we re-affirm our expression of opinions made the last year with reference to the conducting of our Home Missionary operations in the west; and we again commend to our Brethren of the General Assembly [N. S.] the importance of so executing their resolves in regard to church extension, as not to conflict with the sentiment then expressed.

The Report on the State of the Churches, was read by the Corresponding Secretary,—Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of Frankfort.

It was accepted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Sung 261 Select Hymn. V—2, 3, 4.

"There is a fountain filled with blood."

Remarks on topics suggested by the Report, were made by Rev. Dr. Adams of Brunswick, Rev. Dr. Chickering, of Portland, Rev. John Maltby of Bangor, Rev. John O. Fiske of Bath, and Rev. Professor Tompkins of Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Sung 378, Select Hymn. V—1, 2, 5.

"Jesus, Immortal King,—Arise!"

Rev. S. C. Fessenden of Rockland, moved that the vote by which Delegates were appointed to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church,—be reconsidered.

Without discussion, the vote was taken, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Dwight of Portland,

Voted, That at the next meeting of Conference, another day be added to the ordinary session,—and that it be continued through Friday of that week.

Rev. S. H. Hayes, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, referred to the great difficulty in procuring the returns of the churches, in season for the Annual Report of the General Conference,—and suggested that the Annual Meetings of the COUNTY Conferences be held during the month of MAY; so that there shall be more time for completing, and forwarding the returns—and that the several County

Conferences consider the subject at their next semi-annual meetings, and make the alteration referred to.

The condition of our feeble churches was alluded to, and on motion of Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta.

Voted, That it be earnestly recommended to the several County Conferences, to appoint Committees at their semi-annual meetings, to visit especially the feebler churches in their connection, and impart to them such counsel and encouragement as may be called for.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. This subject was introduced, and the spirit which should move us in reference thereto, enforced, by Rev. John Maltby of Bangor.

He explained the absence of Rev. Dr. Hamlin, of Constantinople, who it was hoped would have spoken upon this topic. He was unexpectedly detained in England, by business with the friends of the Turkish Mission Aid Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev William Davenport, of Strong.

Sung—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Report from the Committee of Arrangements,—accepted.

Adjourned.

CLOSING SERVICES.

2½ o'clock, P. M. Organ Voluntary, and Select Piece by the Choir—

"Exulting angels in Seraphic strains."

Sung "Hymn 62, Book 1.

"Come let us join our cheerful songs."—(*Christmas.*)

Reading Scriptures and Prayer, by Rev. Thomas Smith, of Brewer Village.

Sung Hymn 48, Book 1.

"Awake our souls! away our fears."—(*Duke St.*)

Sermon by Rev. Joseph R. Munsell of North Belfast, from John 15: 19—"Ye are not of the world."

Subject.—The antagonism between the world and the true disciples of Christ; and the duty of christians to live as members of Christ's spiritual kingdom.

Prayer offered by the preacher.

The services of the Sacramental Season were conducted by Rev. J. J. Carruthers, D. D., of Portland, and Rev. R. Wilson of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia,—Chairman of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Congregational Union.

Deacons Adams of Castine, Crocker of Machias, Duren of Bangor, and Robbins of Calais, were appointed to distribute the elements.

Rev. Dr. Chickering, of Portland, moved the thanks of Conference, for the constant, kind, and most generous hospitality its members have received from the church and people with whom they have met,—and from individuals and families in the vicinity, and for the diligent, untiring, and most acceptable attention and services of the choir.

The mover referred to the pleasure with which they had come into this beautiful region, and mingled their prayers and praises together,—to the associations connected with so near an approximation to *another country*, and to the sweet communion and fellowship we have enjoyed with their ministers and laity.

The motion was most heartily adopted.

Rev. S. H. Keeler, Pastor of the church in Calais, responded.

He, with his people, felt that it had been good to be here. They thanked God that so many had been brought hither from various parts of the State, and the

conducted you safely here, lead you safely to y
and the blessing of God abide with us all evern

On motion of Dr. Chickering,

The thanks of Conference were tendered to t
facilities furnished in the conveyance to this m
Lincoln, Machias, and elsewhere, for their atte

The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr.

Adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the twenty-th
in the Central Church, Bath.

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RULES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Co
chair and open the meeting as provided in the Constitut
ing Secretary shall call the members to order, and to th
then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of the delegates shall then be laid
members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shal

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided
ment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and secon
next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first sessi
equently, during the sitting of Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded, shall if requested

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall b
amendment, postponement, or commitment.

9. There shall be a standing committee of nominations
stituted that one third of its members shall go out of offi
vacating seats in this Board, shall be in the order in whic
Conference.

The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep
by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report
and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancie
Conference.

10. The returns of the churches shall be made up to, a
of each year,—and the publishing committee

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1856.

In respect to the past year, though there have been no remarkable revivals, and in many places only darkness and desolation, yet we think there have been more general and precious manifestations of the Spirit's presence and power, than for many years. Surely God hath not forgotten Zion. Our 238 churches are spread over a large territory, some of them distant from each other 300 miles; but distance serves only to strengthen the tie that binds them together. Though as Congregational churches they are independent families, yet they feel themselves to be one common brotherhood, united by one common faith to Christ the Head. No heresies, no discords have ever disturbed their fellowship; they may differ on minor questions, but we believe there is not a church nor a minister belonging to this body, which does not hold in theory to the great doctrines of the cross, and which does not in practice recognize the gospel as the only remedy under God for this apostate world.

ARoostook Conference is a Conference in the wilderness, without a single settled pastor. There are however, able, faithful, self-denying ministers there, who labor in word and doctrine. There are 11 churches, some of which have been depleted almost to extinction, such as Monticello, Letter F, Passadumkeag, and Houlton. Since the organization of the latter church in 1843, sixty-five have been added, but now only 11 resident members remain. But all is not darkness. The church at Burlington under the ministry of Rev. J. E. M. Wright, has been visited with a gentle refreshing from the presence of the Lord, commencing among those recently settled in life. It has been a silent, gradual work, producing general solemnity, and it is hoped still continues. Six have been added to these churches, and their total membership is 149.

Rev. M. R. Keep labors at No. 11, Masardis and Fort Kent, where there are no churches.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, reports 34 churches and 31 ministers, 25 of whom are pastors. Union church in Portland has not yet applied for admission. One pastor has been dismissed and three have been settled. Peace has prevailed.

"While public morality has been put in jeopardy by the greater facility afforded for the indulgence of appetite, this effect is already to some extent apparent—a deeper sense of individual responsibility, both in respect to personal morality, and in respect to public example and influence." While no Church can report a general revival, several have enjoyed the dew of the Spirit. Eighteen of the Churches expressly report instances of hopeful conversions. The greatest interest is reported in Baldwin, Falmouth, 1st church, Freeport, Gray, Mechanic Falls, and Portland. To 19 churches, 120 have been added by profession, and 79 by letter; the total of membership is 3772.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE sent no report on the state of religion. It has 13 Churches and 8 ministers, of whom only three are pastors. Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington, has entered upon the 31st year of his ministry there, and Rev. Stephen Titcomb was ordained over the Church in Weld, June 6, 1855. From 7 of these churches no statistics have been received, and the church in Freeman is probably extinct. To the Conference 21 have been added; total 674.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE embraces 11 churches and 7 ministers, 5 of whom are settled pastors. Six of these eleven churches have been visited with the divine blessing. A new house of worship was dedicated in West Brookville in Nov. soon after which a revival commenced: they had no stated preaching, but a member of the church had been in the habit for months of spending an hour each night in prayer, first for a meeting house, and secondly for a revival. The work thus begun in answer to prayer, proceeded, and 16 have already united with the church, and others are expecting to do so soon. The church in East Brooksville, also without a minister, has been quickened and united; 7 have already been added to their number. The churches in Orland, Bucksport, Castine and Deer Isle, have been visited in mercy, and some 70 or 80, it is charitably hoped, have passed from death unto life. Several of these churches are destitute of the stated ministry. Additions, 43; total 820.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE embraces 17 churches and 10 ministers, of whom 6 are pastors; 32 have been added, all but one by profession, of whom 23 were added to the North church in Augusta. Total 1064; no report on the state of religion has been received.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, embraces 25 churches and 18 ministers, of whom 9 are pastors. Several of these churches have been visited with the divine influences. Among these are the two churches in Bath, the 2d Church in Bristol, to which 14 have been added, that in Waldoboro, to which 13 have been added, and the 2d Church in Newcastle. The 2d Church in Waldoboro was organized in March 1856, and they have already secured a new and commodious house of worship. The churches in Warren and Woolwich have received blessings. The 2d Church in Bristol has been afflicted in the death of their pastor, Rev. Harrison Fairfield, a minister faithful and beloved, and whose labors were attended with signal tokens of the divine favor. After a few months of toil, and with many qualifications to fit him for great usefulness, he has gone to his rest.

Pastors have been settled in Edgecomb, Thomaston and Topsham. Out of the 25 churches, 24 are reported. There have been added 101 members; total, 2019.

OXFORD CONFERENCE, contains 13 churches and 11 ministers, 5 of whom are pastors. Rev. I. Carlton who is without charge, is in very feeble health. General peace and prosperity have prevailed. The churches in Turner, Dixfield, and Sumner, are making efforts to supply themselves with houses of worship. In respect to two of these, God has said to them as to David of old, "I will build thee an house," and poured out his Spirit upon them. From Turner, where the work is still in progress, Rev. Mr. Bowker writes; "As the result of this merciful visitation, our church has been greatly quickened and revived, a spirit of earnest supplication has been granted, and a deeper feeling of tender solicitude for the welfare of others; from 20 to 25, have hopefully become new creatures in Christ." The church in Sumner have shared in an interesting revival. Beginning in Hartford, it went through that town, and pervaded Sumner quite extensively. "It was steady, noiseless, but with power." In Norway, some gentle influences like the dew have been experienced, resulting in the conversion of quite a number. There have been added 30; total, 730.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE includes 17 churches and 10 ministers, of whom 7 are pastors. "Bro. Bixby has left his pastorate in Kenduskeag for a field in Vermont; Bro. Pollard has gone to labor with the Armenians in Turkey; and Bro. Field of Brewer, has been called to the Salem St. Church in Boston. Among the sainted dead who have fallen asleep, the venerable form of Dea. E. Adams, rises conspicuous before our sight. While we mourn that we shall never again see his face, nor hear his voice in our earthly assemblies, we can but rejoice at the abundant entrance which we believe has been administered to him into the everlasting kingdom of his Lord and Savior."

The Great Head of the church has dealt mercifully with us the past year. The churches in Bangor, Brewer, and Oldtown, have been cheered in greater or less degree, with the special influences of the Holy Spirit. Remarkably has this been the case in Oldtown. Of the 76 added to our churches by profession, almost half were the fruit of the marvelous work of grace there. May such instances be multiplied, and to God be all the glory. Total of members, 1402.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE embraces 12 churches and 6 ministers, of whom 4 are pastors. Rev. John Sawyer, now in his 101st year resides within its limits. These churches are feeble. Several are destitute of preaching; that in Foxcroft and Dover, is afflicted with the fear of losing their pastor, Rev. W. Parker. A few of the churches have experienced some tokens of refreshing. In Brownville, a parsonage has been erected. Rev. H. Ilsley has removed to the West, and Rev. R. W. Emerson has been settled as his successor. Eight have been added; total, 563.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE has 14 churches and 10 ministers, only 3 of whom are pastors. In some of the churches there have been indications of the presence of the Spirit. That in Madison has been most highly favored. During the year, 25 have been added to the church in Norridgewock. Some of these churches are very feeble;—32 additions. Total membership, 684.

UNION CONFERENCE comprises 13 churches and 9 ministers, all of whom are pastors, though two of them supply other churches a part of the time. Several of these churches have experienced reviving influences during the year. In

Bridgton some 60 hopeful conversions have occurred. There has also been a work of grace in Harrison and Brownfield; in the latter are reckoned 50 hopeful conversions. The Lord has not forgotten this portion of his Zion, and to him be the praise.

The Conference has been afflicted in the sudden death of Rev. Carlton Hurd, who was for 33 years the pastor of the church in Fryeburg. He was an able preacher, a beloved pastor, a wise counsellor, honored and revered by his brethren in the ministry, and by all the churches. There have been added 33; total 1018.

WALDO CONFERENCE includes 13 churches and 9 ministers, 4 of whom are pastors. Rev. E. F. Cutter still retains his pastoral relation to the First Church in Belfast; though for the present, Rev. S. Hopley is supplying the pulpit. In Rockport there has been an interesting revival. A second church has been organized in Searsport, under the pastoral care of Rev. David Thurston. Several of these churches are very feeble; 28 have been added; total 811.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE contains 18 churches, and 11 ministers, of whom 5 are pastors. There is scarcely one of these churches that has not enjoyed some drops of mercy. The church in Machias has received a generous refreshing, and it is hoped that as many as 25 have passed from death unto life.

Machias-port has shared in the blessing, and about 40 in the judgment of charity, have been renewed. Northfield has been greatly blessed, instrumentally through the Methodist brethren. Rev. C. H. Emerson has removed to another Conference, and Rev. W. T. Dickson, whose memory must linger as a sweet savor in the hearts of all who knew him, has been compelled by disease to return to Pennsylvania, his native State. Rev. H. F. Harding was ordained as an Evangelist at Machias in October last, and is laboring with success. Additions, 111; total 1128.

YORK CONFERENCE comprises 26 churches and 27 congregations, the two in Buxton being connected with one church. There are 19 ministers of whom 13 are settled pastors. Rev. Philip Titcomb was settled over the church in Kennebunkport, July 11th, 1855. Rev. Albert Cole in Limerick, December 19th, 1855. Rev. John Parsons, in Limington, May 1856, and Rev. J. B. Cook, over the 2d church in Wells, July 18, 1855.

No revivals are reported, "but we labor on undismayed," says the Report, "believing that God is able to give his word success, and that in due time we shall reap if we faint not." Additions, 77; total, 2072.

From a review of this abstract, it will be seen that we have 237 churches, and 164 ministers in the field as pastors or stated supply. There have been added by profession 587; by letter 242. There have been 679 removals, leaving a net gain of 150. In 60 of these churches, there have been greater or less manifestations of the spirit's power, though but a small portion of the fruits of these revivals have been gathered into the visible fold.

The returns make the aggregate of membership but 16786: less than last year, though there is an absolute gain; but it must not be forgotten that there is a constant emigration from our State, and the recent efforts to correct our statistics, have stricken these from the list of our membership. In the display of mercy to the lost in connection with these churches, in the blessed revivals that have been experienced, we have abundant cause for gratitude and humility before God, and encouragement to labor and pray for more glorious exhibitions of his power.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

REV. HARRISON FAIRFIELD died at Bristol Mills, Me., July 11th 1855. aged 43. He was a graduate of Bangor Seminary in 1854, was ordained at Bristol Mills, Jan. 31st 1855.

His ministry was brief, but productive of important and happy results. Under his labors, the church was much revived, and a goodly number converted from the world.

He was eminently a preacher to the conscience. He dealt with the things of God and eternity, with a simplicity and solemnity that could not fail to arrest the attention of thinking men.

He fell in the midst of his labors, and in the midst of special tokens of the divine approval.

His death was deeply lamented not only by the church at B. but by the whole communuity, to whom he had greatly endeared himself by his sincere and earnest devotion to his Master's work. His end was peace and joy in Christ. E. G. C.

REV. CARLTON HURD, D. D, was born in Newport N. H., December 26th 1795. He was converted to Christ at an early age, under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Wines, afterwards his father-in-law; graduated honorably at Dartmouth College in 1818; left the Seminary at Andover in 1822, and soon went as a home missionary to Fryeburg, at which place he was settled in September, 1823, living usefully, and dying deeply lamented, after a ministry of more than thirty-two years. Though conservative, he was a lover of progress, especially as to the best things and in the best mode. He had many friends, and few if any enemies, and will long be remembered by the ministers and churches in the neighborhood, as a wise counsellor, and faithful friend, and an able and laborious minister of the gospel.

He died December 6th, 1855, at the age of 60 years, of a cerebral disease, brought on by a cold taken at a funeral, and left only a living testimony, his dying days being passed in unconsciousness. J. W. C.

REV. ASA CUMMINGS, D. D., was born in Andover, Mass., September 29, 1795, the sixth of sixteen children, nine of whom survive. It was a family of prayer, whose head a plain farmer, kept alive the fire on God's public altar, in that new and destitute place, Albany, Maine, by reading sermons and other services, for twenty-eight years.

This studious and promising son, early made a child of God, was bent on the ministry, and made great and successful efforts to accomplish his purpose. He graduated at Harvard College in 1817, occupying an honorable position among distinguished classmates.

Compelled by ill health to leave the Seminary at Andover before completing the full course, he became, after rest and journeyings, one of the tutors in Bowdoin College, and in 1821 was settled, the eighth pastor of the first church in North Yarmouth.

Of the character and influence of this ministry, the best evidence is furnished by the unanimous expression of regret at its termination in 1829, when Dr. Cummings assumed the full charge of the Christian Mirror; a work which for more than a quarter of a century developed his peculiar talent for religious journalism.

In this public capacity, he of course did not please all. His conservatism sprung not more from temperament, than from reverence for the Word, and jealousy for the house of God. He died at sea June 5th, 1856, at the age of 66 years, on his return from Panama, where he had visited the family of a daughter. Like his friend Dr. Hurd, he could leave no dying testimony, but his last thoughts were of Zion, and his pleasant church relations at home. J. W. C.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

S. S. Signifies Stated Supply. * *As reported last year.* *In the Donations, fractions of Dollars are omitted.*

The Post Office Address of Ministers will be found on pages 38, 39.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, third Wednesday of June. Semi-Annual Meeting, third Wednesday of January, unless otherwise directed by the Conference.

Church and date of Organization.	Minister and the time of Settlement.	Admission		Removals.			Members			Baptisms.		Sabbath School.		
		Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.	Non-Residents.	Adult.	Infant.	Number Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
Burlington, July 12, 1827	John E. M. Wright, s. s., Oct. 1, 1852	2		1			9	14	23	5	2	3	75	12
Fort Fairfield, Oct. 9, 1843	Elbridge Knight, s. s., Oct. 15, 1852			1			5	7	12	1		2	50	15
Hodgdon, Sept. 25, 1845	Ephraim Fobes, s. s., 1856						6	6	12				75	
Houlton, Jan. 24, 1833							3	14	17	6			*20	
Letter F, Mar. 15, 1848								2	2	1			*40	
Lincoln, May 3, 1831	Alvan J. Bates, s. s., Sept. 24, 1847	1	2	2			6	21	27	11	1		62	35
Monticello, Jan. 25, 1833									*4					
Passadumkeag, March 2, 1845					2		3	3	6	2			25	9
Patten, March 1, 1840	Ephraim Fobes, s. s., 1853	1					7	13	20	2	1	2	40	
Salmon Brook, 1845	E. Knight, s. s., Oct. 15, 1852						3	6	9				40	5
Springfield, Carrol, and Lee, Mar. 15, 1846	Chas. H. Emerson, s. s., July 1, 1855			1			8	9	17				50	
ELEVEN.	FIVE.	4	2	5	2		50	95	149	28	4	7	477	$76

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, Missionary, No. 11, Masardis and Fort Kent.

Conference met by adjournment at Patten, Feb. 16, 17, 1856. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Bates, Luke 11, 13, Heb. 12, 16, 17.—Rev. J. E. M. Wright, 2 Cor. 4: 3, 4, 1 Timo. 6, 6. Subjects discussed—"The means to be used, in a time of Spiritual declension, to promote a revival of religion." "The Bible above all price." Communion Service, conducted by Rev. Messrs. Fobes and Bates.

Annual Meeting at Burlington, June 18, 19. - - Rev. A. J. Bates, Moderator.

Next Meeting at Rev. J. E. M. Wright, Scribe and Treasurer.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed at Enfield, Dec. 12, 1851, meets the day preceding the Annual and Semi-Annual Meeting of Conference. This Association once connected with Penobscot.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday before 2d Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday before 2d Wednesday in January.

Church and date of Organization.			Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admission		Removals.			Members			Non Resident.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab'th-schools	Total of Donations.
						Prof.	Letter	Dismis.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Adult.	Infants.		
Auburn,	May 1,	1844	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.,		1851	2	1	3	2				160	16		4	75	$200
Baldwin,	May	1821	Cyril Pearl,	Jan. 1,	1850						3	8	11	2			•35	
Brunswick,		1747	Geo. E. Adams, D. D.,	Dec, 30,	1829	1		3	2		62	148	210	37		2	200	300
Cape Elizabeth,		1734	H. Merrill, s. s.,		1856								•36				•36	
Cumberland,	Sept.,	1793	Joseph Blake,	March 3,	1841	4		3	1		41	84	125	18	1	2	75	229
Durham,	March 9,	1796	John S. C. Abbott, s. s.,		1856						14	26	•40				•35	25
Falmouth, 1st,		1754	Amory H. Tyler,	June 6,	1855	9		3			31	86	117		5	3	130	111
" 2d,	Sept. 15,	1830	Royal Parkinson,	Nov. 15,	1855		2	2			18	30	48	33		5	64	111
Freeport,	Dec. 21,	1789	Luther Conklin,	Jan. 1,	1852	15	5	5	1	1	53	136	189	20	5	1	200	454
Gorham,	April 4,	1750	John R. Adams,	June 3,	1847	13	12	2	5		63	156	219	15	9	4	225	409
Gray,	Oct 25,	1803	Allen Lincoln,	Nov. 25,	1845			2	2		17	29	46	4		2	•78	45
Harpswell,		1753									16	39	•55				•45	6
Lewiston Falls,		1825	James Drummond,	Oct. 12,	1842	3	7	2	2				116				110	450
" Pine-street,	Aug. 8,	1854	Uriah Balkam,	Jan. 30,	1856	2	9	1	1				51		1	1	•112	100
Mechanic Falls,	June 15,	1840	William V. Jordan, s. s.,		1855		2		6		19	27	46	16		1	72	61
Minot,	Sept 8,	1791	Elijah Jones,	Feb. 12,	1823			2	3	1	74	89	163	50		5	60	37
" West & Hebron,	Oct. 8,	1802	G. F. Tewksbury, s. s.,	April,	1855			1			6	19	25	1			50	10
New Gloucester,	Jan. 16,	1765	Charles Packard,	Nov. 2,	1854	4	2		7		63	101	164	14	1		130	350
North Yarmouth,	Oct. 1,	1806	Caleb Hobart,	Dec. 3,	1823				1		27	60	87	18		5	135	150
Poland,	Nov. 2,	1825	Stephen Gould,	June 2.	1847				3				41				•53	30
Portland, 2d Church,	Nov. 30,	1787	J. J. Carruthers, D. D.,	Aug. 9,	1846	12	11	5	3		64	187	251	38	2	5	•235	1038
" 3d "	Sept. 9,	1825	Wm. T. Dwight, D. D.,	June 6,	1832	10	4	4	11		62	188	250	40	6	7	150	1362
" Abyssinian,		1840									11	34	•45				•59	5
" Bethel,	Sept. 24,	1840	Samuel H. Merrill, s. s.,		1856								•26					15
" High-street,	Sept. 9,	1831	J. W. Chickering, D. D.	April 2,	1835	5	10	6	18		97	261	358	40	2	12	196	1731
" State-street,	Mar. 17,	1852	Hugh S. Carpenter,	April 21,	1853	25	9		24		60	130	190				•205	1000
Pownal,	Mar. 20,	1811	Joseph Loring,	Feb. 7,	1855	2		3	2		37	67	104	19		5	•126	150
Raymond,	Nov. 20,	1813									2	7	9	2				
Scarborough,	June 26,	1728	John H. Garman,	July,	1855	1	1	3	4		42	59	101	13	1		75	157
Standish,	Oct	1768	James B. Hadley,	July 2,	1851	1	2	1			11	44	55	5	1	2	77	30
Westbrook, 1st	April 8	1765	John B. Wheelwright,															

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE---(Continued.)

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

John S. C. Abbott,	Brunswick.	Daniel J. Poor, Preceptor of Academy,	Gorham.
Caleb Bradley,	Westbrook.	William Smyth, Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
James Carruthers,	Portland.	Egbert C. Smyth, " " "	Brunswick.
J. Lawrence Chamberlain, Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.	Henry G. Storer,	Scarborough.
Edward F. Cutter, Editor of the Christian Mirror,	Portland.	Thos. C. Upham, D. D., Prof. in Bowdoin Coll.,	Brunswick.
J. R. French, Agent Seamen's Friend Society,	Gorham.	Isaac Weston,	Cumberland Centre.
Daniel Kendrick,	Portland.	James Weston,	Standish.
Thomas Jameson,	Gorham.	J. Wilde,	Brunswick.
Henry A. Merrill,	Windham.	Leonard Woods, D. D., Pres. Bowdoin College,	Brunswick,
Horatio Merrill,	Portland.	Franklin Yeaton, Family School for Boys,	New Gloucester.
Alpheus S. Packard, Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.		

Rev. Henry D. Moore is supplying the Union Congregational Church, recently organized in Portland.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Yarmouth, January 8 and 9, 1856. Rev. Dr. Dwight, Moderator.

Sermons by Rev. U. Balkham, Hebs. 11 : 8; Rev. J. B. Hadley, Phil. 4 : 13. Subjects for discussion : Infant Baptism—Labor for Christ—The true standard of Christian liberality—Home and Foreign Missions. Communion services,—Rev. E. Jones, Rev. R. Woodhull.

Annual Meeting in Pownal, June 10 and 11, 1856. Rev. R. Parkinson, Moderator.

Sermons by Rev. J. H. Garman, 1 Cor. 10 : 4; and Rev. Dr. Carruthers, Dan'l 9 : 25. Report on state of the churches, Rev. C. A. Aiken. Topics discussed: church prosperity—what is it,—the obstacles to it,—its instrumentalities and agencies—its value and importance. Sabbath Schools—Lord's supper administered by Rev. Messrs. C. Hobart and T. N. Lord.

Next meeting at Gorham, January 13. 1857. Rev. R. Parkinson, Preacher; Rev. C. A. Aiken, Substitute ; Rev. A. H. Tyler, of Falmouth, Scribe ; Francis Blake, of Portland, Treasurer.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed at Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of February; the other Meetings on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. C. A. Aiken, Scribe.

Sermon at the installation of Rev. R. Parkinson, Second Church Falmouth, November 16th 1855, by Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., of Portland.

Sermon at the installation of Rev. U. Balkam, January 30th 1856, Pine street Church, Lewiston, by Rev. H. S. Carpenter, of Portland.

Sermon at the installation of Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, February 19th 1856, First Church, Westbrook, by Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., of Portland—Hebrews 2 : 10.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting two days, beginning Tuesday immediately preceding the 2d Wednesday in June.

Church, and date of Organization.		Minister and time of Settlement.			Admissi'n		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		No. in Sab. School.	Total Donations.
					Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Chesterville,	Feb. 25, 1790	Jonas Burnham, s. s.,	Jan.	1855			1	2	1	9	20	29	9			38	$10
" Falls branch,	1853	" "	"	1856				3		4	10	14	3			35	10
Farmington,	Dec. 14, 1814	Isaac Rogers.	March 9,	1826			1	3		47	57	104	24			75	110
Fayette,	1838									4	13	*17	7				
Industry,	1808						2			28	38	66	23			135	
Kingfield,	Oct. 2, 1830						1					*18					
New Portland,	1836											*15					
New Sharon,	Feb. 11, 1801									23	29	52	20			70	15
New Vineyard,	Sep. 3, 1828	David Turner,		1855								*39					5
Phillips,	1817	Samuel L. Gould, s. s.,		1852			1					41	16			100	5
Strong,	March, 1810	William Davenport,	May 5,	1853	1							104	55			70	20
Temple,	Sept. 19, 1805	Simeon Hackett, s. s.,	June 12,	1851		1		1		26	44	70	24			60	
Weld,	Aug. 17, 1809	Stephen Titcomb,	June 6,	1855		2	2			19	21	40				125	25
Wilton,	Feb. 19, 1818	John Baker, s. s.,	June 19,	1856	15	2	1	3		26	39	65	24	11		40	20
THIRTEEN.		EIGHT.			16	5	9	12	1	186	271	674	205	11		748	$220

Annual Meeting at New Sharon, June 10—11, 1856. Dea. Stephen Howes, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. S. Titcomb—Acts 2: 1—4, "The bearing of united effort, and singleness of purpose, upon the prosperity of a Church. Rev. John Baker, John 16: 5—"The intimate union between Christ and his people." Topics introduced—Dependence on the Holy Spirit,—means of securing, and happy results of enjoying its presence. Religion of principle, as distinguished from a religion of form and impulse,—its nature and development,—Sabbath Schools and Missions.

Resolutions passed in reference to American Slavery, as a great political, moral and social evil, developing itself now more than ever. Also, in reference to the importance of *prayer*, and decided, consistent and persevering *efforts* to promote the true interests of freedom, and of the great Temperance enterprise.

Report by Rev. S. Hackett, on the state of the Churches. Administration of the Lord's Supper—Rev. Messrs. Rogers and Gould.

Next Meeting at Weld, June 9—10, 1857. Rev. Messrs. Gould and Rogers, *Preachers*. Rev. Wm. Davenport, *Reporter*. Deacon Oliver Sewall, *Scribe*. Rev. Isaac Rogers, *Treasurer*.

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION, organized August, 1838. United with Somerset in 1853 (See Somerset page 31.)

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, First Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, in October.

Church and Date of Organization.	Minister, and time of Settlement.	Admission. Prof.	Admission. Letter.	Removals. Deaths.	Removals. Dismiss.	Removals. Exc.	Members. Males.	Members. Females.	Members. Total.	Non-Residents.	Baptisms. Adult.	Baptisms. Infants.	Number in Sab School.	Total of Donations.
Aurora and Amherst, Sept. 14, 1830	Henry S. Loring, May 7, 1847			1			13	18	31	12			110	53
Bluehill, Oct. 7, 1772							39	69	*108				*89	50
Bucksport, May 12, 1803	Henry K. Craig, Jan. 24, 1855	1	1	4	3		32	80	112		1		140	246
Brooksville, West, Jan. 4, 1826	M. Smith, s. s., 1856	16	3		1		25	40	65	28	11	9	50	
Castine, 1820	Alfred E. Ives, June 20, 1855	2	4		2		17	57	74		1	2	150	690
Deer Isle. Aug. 1, 1773	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s., Mar. 16, 1855	6	1	1	6		35	88	123	6	5	2	120	70
Ellsworth, Sept. 8, 1812	Sewall Tenney, Nov. 15, 1835						21	82	103	25			130	400
Orland, Sept. 25, 1850	Hiram Houston, Sept. 25, 1850	2					8	23	31		2		80	112
Sedgwick & E. Br'ksv'lle, July 8, 1793	M. Smith, s. s., 1856	7		1			21	18	39	6	4		36	
Sedgwick Village, Oct. 28, 1847									*32				*75	42
Tremont & Mt. Desert, Oct. 17, 1792							36	66	*102				75	95
ELEVEN.	SEVEN.	34	9	7	12		247	541	820	77	24	13	1055	$1758

Ordained Ministers,—Charles M. Brown, Tremont; Joshua Eaton, Isle-au-Haut.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Sedgwick Village, Nov. 7 and 8, 1855. Sermons by Rev. H. Houston, Col. 3: 10. Rev. H. S. Loring, Rev. 20 13. Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Kennebec Conference, John 16: 7.

Topics discussed.—On the duty of a Christian to himself, his family, to the Church and the world; the observance of the Sabbath.

Sermon before the Association, by Rev. Thomas Smith, of Penobscot Conference—Matt. 18: 28.

Annual Meeting in Deer Isle, June 3 and 4, 1856; Rev. S. Tenney, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. H. S. Loring, 1 Timo. 7: 21; Rev. S. Tenney, Haggai 7: 6; Rev. A. E. Ives, John 12: 46. Discussions—The duty of the Christian—in the family, in the Church and in relation to the conversion of souls. Report on the state of Religion, by Rev. W. A. Merrill. Communion Service, Rev. Messrs. S. Tenney and H. Houston.

Next Meeting in West Brooksville, in October. First Preacher, Rev. H. Houston; Second Preacher, Rev. S Tenney.

Rev. H. S. Loring, *Scribe and Treasurer.*

Hancock Association, formed at Sedgwick, September 21, 1797. **Meetings**—First week in June, Second in August, November and February. Rev. H. Houston, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Monday in June. **Semi-Annual Meeting, Fourth Monday in January**

Church, and Date of Organization.			Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admission.		Removals.			Members.			Baptisms.				
						Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Non-Resident.	Adult.	Infants.	Number in Sab. School	Total of Congregations.
Albion,	Sept.	1830											*30					
Augusta, North,	Dec. 23.	1829									6	18	*24					
" South,	Oct.	1794	Edwin B. Webb,	Sept. 11,	1850	23			3		79	173	252	34		7	215	1119
Benton,		1851	Benjamin Dodge, s. s.		1856						2	13	*15				*40	
Gardiner,	July 28,	1835									18	54	*72				97	50
Hallowell,	Feb. 28,	1790	John P. Skeele,	Oct. 9,	1850	1		4	3		40	121	161	36			160	616
Litchfield,	June 6,	1811	Benjamin Smith,	Aug. 2,	1853		1		1		31	38	69	11			60	40
Monmouth,	May 17,	1853	Joseph H. Conant, s. s.	May 22,	1852						12	18	30				*50	10
Pittston, 1st,	Nov. 17,	1812	Nathaniel Chapman, s. s.		1856				1		9	21	30	7			60	
" 2d,	Nov. 22,	1849									4	15	19					
Richmond,	Feb. 8,	1827				1		1	1		7	25	32	4	1	1	*60	108
Sidney,	Feb. 25,	1829	Francis Southworth, s. s.		1855	1					6	9	15	1			60	7
Vassalborough,	July 28,	1818	"		1855						5	23	28	5			25	15
Waterville,	Aug. 28,	1828	William B. Green,	Oct. 15,	1855						17	37	54				*70	25
Windsor		1820											*28					
Winslow,	Aug. 27,	1828	David Shepley, s. s.	Sept. 1,	1851			1	2		17	48	65			1	75	100
Winthrop,	Sept. 4,	1776	Rufus M. Sawyer,	Oct. 15,	1851	5		2	6		46	94	140			1	140	260
SEVENTEEN.			TEN.			31	1	8	17		299	707	1064	98	1	10	1112	$2350

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D D., Secretary Maine Missionary Society, Augusta.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Waterville, January 22, 1856. Rev Dr. Tappan, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. P. F. Barnard—Ps. 80 : 3 ; Rev. E. F. Cutter of Portland—Luke 10: 21; Rev. Benj. Smith—1 Cor. 15 : 31 Topics of Remark—Whether a permanent sustained religious interest be possible; and if so, by what means it may be maintained ; the tendencies of much of the reading prevalent in our day. Administration of the Lord's Supper, Rev. D. Shepley and Rev. E. F. Cutter.

Annual Meeting at Sidney. Sermons by Rev. Benj. Smith, Romans 12. 4, 5—The unity of the Church ; Rev. N. Chapman, 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17—The characteristics of the good hope of the Gospel. Themes for discussion,—Preparing the way of the Lord—its necessity—disastrous effects of its neglect—its bearing on the young, and on our country. Communion Season, Rev. Messrs. D. Shepley and P. F. Barnard.

Next Meeting in Pittston, January 27, 1857. Preacher, Rev. R. M. Sawyer ; 2d, Rev. William B. Green.

Ordination of George A. Pollard as Missionary to Western Asia, at Hallowell, Sept. 26. 1855. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Adams, of Boston, 11: 15. Ordaining prayer, Dr. Tappan. Charge, Rev Dr. Worcester, of Salem. Right hand. Rev. J. P. Skeele.

Ordination of Wm. B. Green, as Pastor of church at Waterville, Oct. 15, 1855. Sermon by Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., of Bangor Seminary.

KENNEBEC ASSOCIATION formed at Pittston, July 24, 1816. Meets fourth Tuesday in April, July and October, and on Monday preceding fourth Tuesday in January. Prior to 1816, it was united with Lincoln, under the name of "Lincoln and Kennebec (Ministerial) Conference.

Rev. J. P. Skeele, *Scribe.*

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting Tuesday, preceding Second Wednesday in June.

Alna,			Samuel Talbot,	Oct. 5,	1842		1	1	3		28	54	82	19			44	43
Bath, Winter st. ch.	Dec. 8,	1795	John O. Fiske,	Aug 17,	1843	4	6	3	6		69	152	221	34		8	214	1567
" Central ch.		1835	E. Whittlesey,	Oct. 1,	1851	3	1	6			37	82	119	19	1	4	130	1924
" Weeks st. ch.	May 22,	1855	Charles Burnham, s. s.		1856	2	6				6	9	15	2		3	48	11
Boothbay, 1st,		1766	Jonathan Adams, s. s.		1852	2	3	1			24	60	84				60	33
" Harbor,	Aug. 1,	1848	John Forbush, s. s.		1856						20	29	49	3			95	12
Bremen,	March,	1839	Nathan W. Sheldon, s. s.		1855	4							18		1			
Bristol, 1st,		1765	David Cushman, s. s.		1856	5		1			13	20	33	3			53	20
" 2d,	Jan. 31,	1855	Truman A. Merrill, s. s.	Aug. 10,	1855	14	1				8	23	31	4	7		50	47
Edgecomb,	June 4,	1783	Amasa Loring,	Feb. 20,	1855			5			29	58	87	27			75	24
Jefferson,		1844									1	2	3					
Lisbon,	Dec.	1839							2		5	12	17	6				5
Newcastle, 1st,	Oct. 4,	1797	David Cushman, s. s.		1844	17	2				19	42	61	15	13		66	65
" 2d,	May 22,	1844	Elbridge G. Carpenter,	Oct. 8,	1851		1	3			40	85	125	10			150	204
Phipsburg & Georget'n	July 1,	1765	Thomas S. Goodwin s. s.		1855			4	3		75	112	187	70			*75	40
Rockland,	March 8,	1838											*81				*70	25
Thomaston,	June 15,	1809	Levi G. Marsh,	Oct. 3,	1855	2	2	1	1	1	23	71	94	18	2		76	55
Topsham,		1789	John Q. Peabody,		1855			2	2		28	73	101	29			75	58
Union,		1803	D. F. Potter,	Oct. 24,	1852			4	4		25	41	66	8			75	40
Waldoboro' 1st,	May 13,	1807	Harvey M. Stone, s. s.	Aug.	1854	13		3	24				211	12			212	151
" 2d,	March	1856	Nathan W. Sheldon, s. s.		1856	3							30					
Warren,	Feb. 27,	1828	Crosby H. Wheeler,	Dec. 29,	1852	7			3		42	83	125	11	4	6	150	130
Washington,	Aug. 16,	1817									10	24	34	5				50
Wiscasset,	Oct. 29,	1828				2					19	71	90		1	1	85	47
Woolwich,	June 12,	1765	Samuel S. Drake, s. s.	Jan.	1855			1			18	37	55	4			80	25
TWENTY FIVE.			EIGHTEEN.			78	23	35	48	1	539	1140	2019	299	29	22	1883	$4576

Ordained Ministers—Alden B. Boynton, John Boynton, Wiscasset; John W. Ellingwood, D. D., Bath; Samuel C. Fessenden, Publisher of the Maine Evangelist, (at Portland,) Rockland.

Annual Meeting at Woolwich, in the Nequasset Meeting House, June 10, 1856. Rev. John O. Fiske, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. G. E. Adams, D. D., Gal. 5: 14, 22, 23; Rev. Thomas S. Goodwin, 1 Tim. 1: 15; Rev. E. Whittlesey, Mat. 5: 13, 14. Subjects—Relations of Religion to Business; Right Training of the Young; Right Standard of Christian Benevolence. Next meeting June 9th, 1857. Preacher—Rev. D. F. Potter, 1st; Rev. H. M. Stone, 2d. Reporter on State of Religion and Sabbath Schools, Rev. J. O. Fiske. Scribe, Rev. E. Whittlesey. Treasurer, Dea. Ammi R. Mitchell, of Bath.

Ordination of Rev. Levi G. Marsh at Thomaston, Oct. 3, 1855. Sermon by Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, 2 Cor. 6: 10.

Organization of the 2d Church, Waldoboro, March 4, 1856. Sermon by Rev. E. G. Carpenter of New Castle. Recognition of Church, C. H. Wheeler. Consecrating prayer, Rev. N. W. Sheldon. Fellowship of the Church, Rev. H. M. Stone.

Rev. LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844. Meetings first Tuesday in February, May and November. Rev. E. Whittlesey, Scribe.

Rev. LINCOLN EAST ASSOCIATION., formed at Warren, May 7, 1844. Meetings first Tuesday of July, May and October. Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Scribe.

These two bodies were originally one; organized at Bath, May 3, 1798.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting First Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Third Tuesday in October.

Church, and date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admission		Removals			Members			Baptisms			Number in Sab. School.	Value of Church Property.
					Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Non Resi-dents.	Adult.	Infants.		
Andover,	Nov 8, 1800	Mark Gould,	Oct. 8,	1851	3	4	2	1		18	28	46	7		1	113	31
Bethel, 1st Ch.,	Oct. 7, 1799	Edwin A. Buck,	May 31,	1854	5	4	5			43	75	118	22	1	1	125	150
" 2d Ch.,	Jan. 30, 1849	David Garland,	Aug. 15,	1849						17	30	47	3		2	98	46
Dixfield,	May 8, 1806				1		2			5	13	18	5			*50	
Gilead,	May 30, 1818	Edmund Burt, s. s.,		1856		1						26				50	19
Norway, 1st Ch.,	Oct 6, 1804	Horace Pratt, s. s.,	Aug. 1,	1855			1			13	38	51	9		1	50	15
" Village,	Jan. 15, 1853	Asa T. Loring,	Jan. 3,	1855	6			1		10	33	43	5			60	20
Oxford,	May 31, 1826	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s.s.,	May 1,	1853	1		1			15	29	44	7	1		45	15
Paris, South,	Nov. 4, 1812	Daniel Sewall,	Jan. 3,	1855			1	9		35	74	109	23		1	100	240
Rumford,	Aug. 5, 1803	Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.	Jan.	1854	3	2	1	3		29	37	66	7	1		50	30
Shelburne, N. H.,	Aug. 26, 1818						1			1	5	6	2			*40	
Sumner,	Sept. 9, 1802	Benj. G. Willey, s. s.		1851			1	1		24	53	77	24			70	15
Turner.	Aug. 16, 1784	Samuel Bowker, s. s.	Dec. 9,	1855			1			25	54	79	3		1	80	28
THIRTEEN		ELEVEN.			19	11	16	15		235	469	730	148	4	7	931	$609

Without charge—Rev. Isaac Carlton, Oxford.

Semi-Annual Meeting at South Paris, Oct. 16, 17, 1855. Rev. A. T. Loring, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. E. A. Buck, Gen. 17: 1; Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta, Ps. 119: 103; Rev. D. Garland, John 12: 32. Subjects introduced—The Bible—in the family, the Sabbath School, and its application to war, slavery and other evils; Home Missions. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. D. Turner of Portland, and Rev. M. Parker of Canada.

Annual Meeting at Norway Centre, June 3, 4. Rev. E. Burt, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. E. Burt, Gen. 49; 4; Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury; John 16: 38. Subjects discussed—1. What is the work of the Christian? Self culture—heart keeping—closet devotion—individual effort for the furtherance of Christ's cause. 2. What are the motives to the work of the Christian? The dictates of conscience—a regard for the glory of God and the good of man—the example of Christ and good men before us—the Bible—our conversion—growth in grace—the great recompense of reward. 3. What are the obstructions to the most thorough success of the Gospel? The general character of Christians—their indifference—an unforgiving spirit—want of co-operation—faint heartedness. 4. The discouraging features in the character of young people at the present day, in respect to the influence of the Gospel upon them. Insubordination—excessive fondness for amusements, frivolity and dissipation—fictitious reading—neglect of the Bible—disregard for the sacredness of the Sabbath. Prayer was offered for deliverance from the calamities which were threatening our country—and for those in Kansas who are struggling for the cause of Freedom.

Next Meeting in Sumner. First Preacher, Rev H. Pratt. Second, Rev. A. T. Loring. Rev. E. A. Buck, *Scribe and Treasurer.*

OXFORD ASSOCIATION meets on the second Tuesday of May and September. Rev. A. T. Loring, *Scribe.*

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday in January.

Bangor, 1st Ch.,	Nov. 27,	1811	George B. Little,	Oct. 11,	1849	6	3	3	4		95	203	298	73	1	12	246	1369
" Hammond-st.,	Dec. 5,	1833	John Maltby,	July 23,	1834	12	7	2	11		88	175	263	40	8	4	325	1378
" Central,	April 1,	1847	Geo. Shepard, D. D. s s.	Apr. 1,	1847	3	14	2	4	2	63	104	167	24	1	1	275	1132
Brewer, 1st Ch.,	Sept. 9,	1800	George W. Field,	Nov. 24,	1853	15		3			40	79	119	17	6	1	155	350
" Village,	Jan. 18,	1843	Thomas Smith,	Feb. 21,	1846		3	2			14	28	42	5		1	130	224
Carmel,	May 5,	1853											13				60	
Corinna,		1841											12				35	5
Dedham,	Dec. 23,	1841	Edward S. Palmer,	Jan. 2,	1856	7	3	1	2		20	27	47	8	6	3	100	100
Dixmont,	Nov.,	1807									6	9	15	1			55	2
Glenburn,		1839											14				23	
Hampden,	May 5,	1817	Javan K. Mason,	Jan, 18,	1849		2	1	1		24	64	88	17		1	147	191
Holden,	Nov. 11,	1828	Enoch Pond, D. D. s. s.		1853			1	3		32	42	74	25			75	12
Kenduskeag,	Dec. 23,	1834							1		19	43	62	4		1	100	54
Oldtown,	Sept. 24,	1834	Ebenezer Douglass,	Jan. 22,	1856	33		1					58	8		1	100	29
Orono,	May 18,	1826	Stephen L. Bowler, s.s.	Sept.	1854				1		8	42	50	12			88	71
Orrington,	June 12,	1334						1	6		19	37	56	18		1	66	50
Veazie,	June 19,	1838									6	18	24				50	
SEVENTEEN.			TEN.			76	32	17	33	2	434	871	1402	252	22	26	2030	84967

Enoch Pond, D. D.; George Shepard, D. D., Daniel Talcott Smith, D. D., Samuel Harris, D. D., Professors in Theological Seminary, Bangor; Rev. James Wells, Bangor, City Missionary; Richard Woodhull, Bangor, Agent American Bible Society.

Semi-Annual Meeting, at Hampden, Jan. 8, 9, 1856. Rev. Thomas Smith, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., Ps. 34: 17—Prayer; Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., Ps. 10: 1—Causes of Declension. Discussed—Family Religion: Attendance on Prayer Meetings; Personal Consecration to Christ.

Annual Meeting at Orono, June 10, 11. Sermons by Rev. J. K. Mason, Gen. 32. 24—29; Rev. Geo. B. Little, Eph. 5: 2. Subjects introduced—Bible Cause; Sabbath Schools; Home Missions and Home Evangelization; Systematic Benevolence. Resolutions adopted in reference to the determined spirit of aggression on the part of the slave power in this country—presenting the duty of all Christian and patriotic men, to use the power they have, to oppose the extension of slavery, and to defend the Christian principle of human rights—recognizing our dependence on God, and our obligations to pray that we may be preserved from civil war, and from the disgrace and ruin which must result, if slavery is permitted to be national, and the government of the United States becomes its patron and protector. Report on the State of the Churches, by Rev. George B. Little. Communion season—Rev. H. S. Loring, delegate from Hancock Conference, and Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D.

Next Meeting at Oldtown, January 13, 14, 1857. Rev. George B. Little, Scribe. Dea. E F. Duren of Bangor, Treasurer.

Rev. E. Douglas, ordained at Oldtown, Jan. 22, 1856. Sermon by Rev. S. Harris, D. D., John 6: 63—Consecrating Prayer, Dr. Pond—Charge, Rev. T. Smith—Right Hand, Rev. J. Maltby—Address to People, Rev. G. B. Little.

William A. Tenney, ordained at Bangor, July 31, 1856, as Missionary to Oregon. Sermon by Dr. Harris. Charge, Dr. Tappan.

Penobscot Association, organized at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December; other meetings by adjournment. Rev. G. B. Little, Scribe.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Third Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Third Tuesday in December.

Church, and Date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admission		Removals.			Members.			Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
					Prof.	Letter	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.	Non-Resi-dents.	Adults	Infants	
Abbot,	Feb. 2, 1841									3	8	11	5			
Atkinson,	March 2, 1842	J. B. Tufts, s. s.	Jan.	1856	1					11	18	29	8	1		*75	6
Blanchard,	March 12, 1833	John A. Perry, s. s.		1850			2			21	32	53	18		3	55	48
Bradford,	March 21, 1838	J. B. Tufts,	Jan.	1856					1	10	19	29	2			30	50
Brownville,	Aug. 24, 1819	Wm. S. Sewall,	Sept. 25,	1839						39	50	89	11		2	75	64
Dexter,	July 22, 1834						4	2		12	30	42	13			*50	15
Foxcroft & Dover,	Dec. 30, 1822	Wooster Parker,	Nov. 9,	1842	1	2	2	7		43	91	134	32	1		100	93
Garland,	March, 1810	Peter B. Thayer,	Dec. 21,	1848	4					25	41	66	6			100	50
Milo,	1829									2	5	*7					
Monson,	Aug. 11, 1821	Rufus W. Emerson,	May 28,	1856			2	8		30	40	70	21			62	86
Sangerville,	Aug. 28, 1828						1			10	14	24	6		1	*50	12
Sebec,	1834									2	7	9	2				9
	TWELVE		SIX.		6	2	11	17	1	208	355	563	124	2	6	597	$433

Minister without Charge, John Sawyer, Garland, 100 years old, Oct 9th, 1855.

Semi-Annual Meeting in Foxcroft, Dec. 18, 19. 1855 Sermons by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Augusta, Acts 4: 13; Rev. W. S. Sewall, Hebrews 12: 2. Subjects discussed—What can we do, as Churches and as Christians, to prepare the way of the Lord?—The importance of more love, faith and fidelity on the part of Christians. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Dr. Tappan of Augusta, and Rev. John A. Perry.

Annual Meeting at East Sangerville, June 17, 18. Hon. James Bell, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. S. C. Fessenden of Rockland, John 5: 5; Rev. John A. Perry, John 15: 12. Subjects introduced—Sabbath Schools; Tract Society; American Slavery; Temperance; The present position of our brethren in Kansas. Communion season—Rev. W. Parker and Rev. P. B. Thayer.

Ordination of Rev. R W. Emerson, at Monson, May 28, 1856. Sermon by Rev W. Parker, Isa. 28: 10. Ordaining Prayer by Rev. H. White. Charge by Rev. W. S. Sewall. Right Hand, by Rev. P. B. Thayer. Address to People, Rev. J. A. Perry.

Next Meeting in Monson, Dec. 16, 1856. Rev. W. S. Sewall, Scribe. C. H. B. Woodbury of Dover, Treasurer.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, Jan. 25, 1841. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. This Association formerly united with Penobscot.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, on Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, time fixed by Com. of Arrangements

Anson,		1804	Thos. G. Mitchell, s. s.,	Sept.,	1851			1			12	28	40	21			*25	12
Athens,		1836	Levi Loring, (Resident,)		1856						1	2	*3	2				
Bingham,	July 24,	1805	Sidney Turner,	Jan. 6,	1847			1	1		20	34	54	16			40	9
Bloomfield,	Nov. 19,	1801	Geo. W. Hathaway,	Mar. 20,	1838		5	2	1		27	69	96	18			169	60
Cornville,		1832									3	5	*8	2				
Fairfield,	May 11,	1815	Benjamin Dodge, s. s.,		1855			1			7	9	16					
Flagstaff,		1844	David Turner, s. s.,		1854								*37	6				
Madison,	May 25,	1826	T. G. Mitchell, s. s.,	Sept.,	1851		2	2			11	20	31	5			139	20
Mercer,	Oct 30,	1822	J. Tucker, (Resident,)		1856						17	32	49	14			19	10
Norridgewock,	Sept. 22,	1797	Henry S. Downs,	Sept. 29,	1852	21	4	4	1		43	77	120	22	14		175	120
Skowhegan,	Dec. 6,	1841	Leonard W. Harris, s. s.,		1856								15				75	10
South Solon,	Sept. 30,	1806	S. Turner, s. s.,	July,	1856				1		18	30	48				48	3
Solon Village,	Jan. 25,	1842	S. Turner, s. s.,	Sept. 13,	1847			1			2	5	7	1			*60	3
St. Albans,	June 29,	1830	Henry White, s. s.,	March 1,	1854			2			13	27	40	14		1	40	30
FOURTEEN.			TEN.			21	11	14	4		174	338	564	121	14	1	790	$267

Semi-Annual Meeting in St. Albans, January 1, 2, 1856. Sermons by Rev. G. W. Hathaway: Rev. H. S. Downs, from the parable of the Virgins, on the necessity of vigilance on the part of Christ's disciples, and by Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Piscataquis Conference, Phil. 3: 13, 14. Subjects discussed—In what state of mind should we enter upon a new year? Is the public worship of God to be performed in a spiritual, united manner? Causes of non-attendance upon public worship, and the remedy for the same. Administration of Lord's Supper, Rev. G. W. Hathaway and Rev. H. S. Downs.

Annual Meeting in Bloomfield, June 17, 18. D. Farnsworth, Esq., Moderator. Sermons by Rev. H. White, Phil. 2: 21, and Rev. L. W. Harris, Prov. 11: 21. Subjects for discussion—1. What are the comparative claims of temporal interests on the one hand, and of spiritual interests on the other; and how can these two classes of claims be reconciled? 2. What may Christians *reasonably* expect of their Ministers? 3. How, and why, ought Christians to co-operate with Ministers, in promoting the work of God? 4. What are the reasons why American Christians should, at this time, earnestly pray for their country, and follow up their prayers with corresponding action? A Resolution was passed, in view of the present condition of our country—the recent manifestations in Kansas and in Congress—and the outrageous attack upon the Hon. Charles Sumner. Anniversary of County Bible Society.

Next Annual Meeting in Madison, June 9, 10, 1857. Rev. H. S. Downs, Scribe. C. B. Vaughn, Esq., of Norridgewock, Treasurer.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION, united 1853, meets on the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November. Somerset originally joined with Kennebec, in 1816, when it was organized separately, and continued so until 1853. Rev. T. G. Mitchell, Scribe.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, preceding the fourth Wednesday in December.

Church, and Date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admission.		Removals.			Members.				Baptisms.			
					Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Females	Total.	Non-Resi-dents.	Adult.	Infant.	Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
Albany,	Sept. 15, 1803	Samuel L. Gould, s. s.		1856	1		2	4	2	20	41	61	15	1		100	4
Bridgton,	Aug. 26, 1784	Josiah T. Hawes,	Feb.	1851	14					28	55	83	15	11	4	75	75
" North,	Nov. 16, 1833	John Dodd, s. s.		1855			3			18	26	44	15			75	16
" South,	Dec. 30, 1829	Joseph P. Fessendon,		1829								46				40	5
Brownfield,	Oct. 1804	Daniel Gerry.	Dec. 25,	1839			2	2		14	20	34	3			*50	21
Denmark,	Aug. 1827											30	8			*40	
Fryeburg,	Aug. 1775					2	10			42	93	135	17		11	140	215
Harrison,	Feb. 15, 1826	John Dodd, s. s.	Aug. 1,	1854	7	1	1	4		37	56	93	44	5		60	6
Hiram,	Oct. 25, 1826	Daniel Gerry,	Dec. 25,	1839	1			1		5	10	15	3			*53	
Lovell,	Oct. 6, 1798	Joseph Smith,	July 22,	1853	1	1	5	1		35	49	84	15	1	4	125	50
Otisfield,	Nov. 23, 1797	James P. Richardson,	Oct. 22,	1823	1	2	4			60	90	150	50	1		134	40
Sweden,	Nov. 1, 1817	Charles B. Smith,	Sept.	1854		2	1			13	30	43			3	60	25
Waterford,	Oct. 2, 1790	John A. Douglass,	Nov. 7,	1821								200					160
THIRTEEN.		ELEVEN.			25	8	28	12	2	272	470	1018	185	19	22	952	$617

Without Pastoral Charge, Lincoln Ripley, Waterford. Samuel Souther, Agent A. M. S. S. Union, Fryeburg.

Semi-Annual Meeting, in Lovell, Dec. 25, 26, 1855. Sermons by Rev. C. B. Smith, Acts 9: 6; Rev. J. T. Hawes, Matt. 5: 13. Topics of discussion—Revivals: Prayer; Infant Dedication; Repentance. A memorial was adopted in reference to the death of Rev. Carlton Hurd, D. D. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. J. P. Richardson and Rev. J. Dodd.

Annual Meeting, in South Bridgton, June 17, 18, 1856. Wm. H. Powers, Moderator. Preachers, Rev. J. Smith, Matt. 6: 10; and Rev. J. P. Richardson, Prov. 19: 21. Resolutions were discussed and passed, touching the influence of a sound Scriptural creed upon all who truly adopt it; asserting that persons of genuine piety will always be found on the side of God, where light is disseminated; that American Slavery has exerted, and is exerting a disastrous influence upon the Churches and Ministry of this country; and that Christian fellowship with slave-holding bodies ought to be discontinued.

Next Meeting in Waterford, December 23, 1856. Rev. J. T. Hawes, Scribe and Treasurer.

Sermon at the funeral of Rev. C. Hurd, D. D., Dec. 11, 1855, by Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., of Portland, John 17: 24. In the other services, Rev. Messrs. J. P. Richardson, J. A. Douglass, J. Smith, D. Gerry, M. Richards (Metho.) of Fryeburg, participated. Address at the grave, by Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Portland. (See obituary notice, on page 20.)

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed at South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834, meets first Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November. Rev. J. Dodd, Scribe.

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting in Autumn.

Belfast, 1st,	Dec 29,	1796	Samuel Hopley, s. s.	March	1856	1		3	3		30	84	114	25		2	60	133
" North,	Sept. 24,	1846	Joseph R. Munsell,	Sept. 22,	1852	14	1	3	2		24	38	62	7	10	11	75	66
Camden,	Sept 11,	1805	Benjamin C. Chase,	Jan. 8,	1850	2	1	3	3		38	74	112	14		1	149	248
Frankfort, 1st,	Sept. 7,	1820	Stephen H. Hayes,	Aug. 20,	1844	1	2	2			15	55	74	10		2	100	65
" 2d,	Nov. 18,	1851	Wellington Newell, s. s.	Oct.	1855						5	14	19	7			56	43
Jackson and Brooks,	Oct. 6,	1812	G. B. Blanchard, s. s.		1855						15	27	*42	15			*40	25
Prospect,	Oct. 16,	1839							1		18	41	59	13			40	31
Searsport 1st,	Oct. 4,	1815	Stephen Thurston, D.D.	Aug. 9,	1826		1	8	22	8	67	145	212	32			150	215
" 2d,	March 13,	1856	David Thurston, D. D. s. s.	Jan.	1855		5				6	16	22				56	43
Swanville,	June 1,	1826											*17					4
Rockport,	June 12,	1854	Alfred L. Skinner, s. s.	Oct.	1855				1		7	16	13				55	20
Thorndike,	Sept. 16,	1834							1		7	18	25	13				22
Unity,	Dec.	1804									7	23	*30	2			*43	15
THIRTEEN.			NINE.			18	10	19	33	8	239	555	811	138	10	16	824	$930

Semi-Annual Meeting in Camden, September 10, 11, 1855. In connection with this meeting, the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Church in Camden, was observed. Sermon by Rev. B. C. Chase, the Pastor. (This Sermon has been published.)

Annual Meeting, at Rockport, June 10, 11, 1856. Rev. David Thurston, D. D., Moderator.

Next Meeting, with the Church in Jackson and Brooks. Rev. B. C. Chase, Scribe and Treasurer.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed at Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual Meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year. Rev. S. H. Hayes, Scribe. This Association formerly connected with Hancock.

Ordination of Samuel Hopley, in Prospect, Sept. 19, 1855. Sermon by Rev. David Thurston, D. D., 1 Tim. 5: 20. Topic—Christian Ministers are the official reprovers of sin. Consecrating Prayer and Address to People, Rev. S. Thurston. Charge to Pastor, and concluding Prayer by Rev. S. H. Hayes. Right Hand of Fellowship by Rev. E. F. Cutter.

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annul Meeting, first Tuesday in June. **Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday after the first Wednesday in October.**

Church, and Date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.		Admission.		Removals.			Members.			Non-Resi-dents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excl.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Acton,	Sept. 18, 1781	Jonas Fiske, s. s.	Jan. 1856			1	2		17	19	36	3			50	10
Alfred,	Sept. 1791	John Orr,	May 7, 1846	2	1				31	82	113	15	2		100	75
Biddeford, 1st,	April 30, 1730					3			21	49	70	5			*46	10
" 2d,	March 1, 1805	Samuel M. Gould,	Jan. 6, 1853		2	4	6		42	182	224	72			150	150
Buxton,	March 2, 1763	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 7, 1847	1		1			9	37	46	4	1	1	80	70
Buxton North,	March 2, 1763	Geo. W. Cressey, s. s.	June 6, 1852	3	4	2			18	37	55	5	1	1	62	61
Cornish,	Sept. 6, 1840								6	6	12	2				
Elliot,	June 22, 1721					4	1		11	55	66	7			50	4
Kennebunk,	Aug. 15, 1826	Wm. H. Willcox,	Nov. 4, 1852	2	1				26	56	82	19	1	1	70	726
Kennebunkport, 1st,	Nov. 1730								22	43	65				*60	50
" South,	Jany. 10, 1838	Philip Titcomb,	July 11, 1855	1	2	4	2		13	43	56	3	1	3	50	150
Kittery,	Nov. 4, 1714	Albert W. Fiske,	July 18, 1850	1		1			11	29	40	12		2	53	18
Lebanon,	June 25, 1765	Elias Chapman, s. s.	1854	9	3	5	1		23	64	87	15	8	1	60	72
Limerick,	July 5, 1795	Albert Cole,	Dec. 19, 1855						26	58	84	14			*70	95
Limington,	Oct. 11, 1789	John Parsons, s. s.	May 1856						23	67	90	36			*143	15
Lyman,	Dec. 2, 1801	Stephen Bailey, s. s.	Jan. 1, 1855	9	3	1	1		47	99	146	9	4	4	100	10
Newfield,	July 1801					2			27	44	71	14		1	*60	19
Parsonsfield,	Jan. 7, 1745								8	19	27				*54	5
Saco,	Oct. 13, 1762	Francis B. Wheeler,	Dec. 6, 1854	11	4	8	2		40	110	150		7	5	171	769
Sanford,	July 19, 1786	Geo. L. Becker, s. s.	May 1, 1856						20	32	52	15			45	9
" South,	June 1856	Clement Parker,	1856		2	1	2				18					
Shapleigh,	Oct. 23, 1823										15	4				2
South Berwick,	June 4, 1702								27	110	137	41			*80	50
Wells, 1st,	Oct. 29, 1701	Giles Leach, s. s.	Sept. 1854	2	3	4	5	1	51	102	153	41	2	2	*125	288
" 2d,	Aug. 23, 1831	Jonathan B. Cook,	July 18, 1855		6				18	45	63	10			55	105
York, 1st,	1673	Wm. A. Patten, s. s.	May 1, 1855	5		4	2		23	61	84	15	1		100	210
" 2d,	1732	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845						7	23	30				*70	30
TWENTY-SIX.		NINETEEN.		46	31	45	24	1	567	1472	2072	361	28	21	1904	$3003

YORK CONFERENCE---Continued.

Semi-Annual Meeting, in Limerick, Oct. 9, 10, 1855. Sermons, by Rev. S. Bailey, 2 Cor. 4: 8; Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Kennebec Conference, Matt. 6: 22; Rev. L. Loring, Mark 14: 8. Subjects introduced—The unity of sentiment and experience among Christians of all times and places; The duty of every believer towards all others, irrespective of denomination; The duty of every believer towards his own particular denomination; Tract Society; Missions; Education Society. Communion season—Rev. P. F. Barnard, of the Kennebec Conference, and Rev. J. W. Turner, Dis. Sec'y Am. Tract Society.

Annual Meeting, in Lower Biddeford, (First Church,) June 3, 4, 1856. Rev. A. Cole, Moderator, pro tem. Sermons by Rev. J. B. Cook, Heb. 13: 1—Brotherly love; Rev. F. B. Wheeler, 1 Cor. 11; 26—Design of the Lord's Supper. Pastoral Address by Rev. S. M. Gould. Subjects discussed—Christian growth—its importance, and duty—its hindrances, means and evidences. Communion season, Rev. S. M. Gould and Rev. R. Woodhull, Agent of the American Bible Society.

Next Meeting, in Saco, Oct. 13, 14, 1856. Rev. Messrs. Leach and Titcomb, Preachers—Rev. Messrs. Orr and Fiske, Substitutes. Pastoral Address, Rev. W. H. Willcox. Rev. G. W. Cressey, Scribe and Treasurer.

York Association, organized at Arundel, (now Kennebunkport,) October, 27, 1817. Meets on first Tuesday of February, May, August and November. Rev. G. W. Cressey, Scribe.

The Ministers in South Berwick, Elliott, York and Kittery, are connected with the Piscataqua Association, organized in Kittery, October 24, 1781. Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January.

Installation of Rev. A. Cole, as Pastor of Church in Limerick, Dec. 19, 1855. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., of Portland, Luke 10: 42. Consecrating Prayer by Rev. J. Orr. Charge by Rev. S. M. Gould. Right Hand of Fellowship by Rev. J. Bartlett. Address to Church, by Rev. W. Pierce.

BIBLE DEPOSITORIES.

Counties.	Depositaries.	Towns.
York	W. C. Conant,	Alfred.
Washington	John Kilby,	Dennysville.
Waldo,	L. Caldwell,	Belfast.
Somerset	Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway,	Bloomfield.
Piscataquis	Sawyer & Woodbury,	Dover.
Penobscot	R. F. Duren,	Bangor.
Oxford	A. Hersey,	South Paris.
Lincoln	M. F. Gannett,	Bath.
Hancock	J. W. Jones,	Ellsworth.
Cumberland	Horatio Merrill,	Portland.
Kennebec	D. C. Stanwood,	Augusta.
Franklin	Rev. I. Rogers,	Farmington.
Aroostook	Rev. A. J. Bates,	Lincoln.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Second Wednesday in October.

Church, and date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admission. Prof.	Admission. Letter.	Removals. Deaths.	Removals. Dismis.	Removals. Exc.	Members. Males.	Members. Females	Members. Total.	Baptisms. Non-Resident.	Baptisms. Adult.	Baptisms. Infants.	Number in Sab.School.	Total of Donations.
Alexander,	Nov. 6, 1854	Samuel D. Hosmer, s. s.	May,	1855	6			2		2	12	14	6	3		20	
Calais,	Aug. 17, 1825	Seth H. Keeler,	Nov. 20,	1839	17	5	5	3		49	132	181	38	7		188	504
Cherryfield,	Oct. 3. 1833									3	12	15					
Cooper,	Feb. 22, 1826									5	13	18	4			30	
Dennysville,	Oct. 27, 1805	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6,	1844	3		2			36	60	96	20	2	3	190	265
Eastport,	Feb. 8, 1819	Samuel D. Hosmer, s. s.	Dec.	1855		2	1			15	57	72	45		5	90	75
Jonesboro'	Apr. 24, 1840	Isaac Weston, s. s.		1855						6	8	14	7			70	
Lubec	Sept. 1818									4	4	8					
Machias,	1782	Henry F. Harding, s. s.	Oct.	1855	6	2	1	3	1			161	27	6		250	96
" East,	1826	John C. Adams, s. s.	Dec. 15,	1848	2	2	2	3		43	80	123	35	2		135	80
" Port,	Dec. 1830	Gilman Bacheller,		1855	7	1						58	7	5		57	20
Northfield,	Sep. 15, 1836	Chas. W. Richardson, (Resident)		1854		1	4	1	4	8	5	13	2			50	
Pembroke,	Sep. 30, 1835									7	12	19	2				
Perry,	Oct 7, 1822	John J. Bulfinch, s. s.	July	1856	1		1	4	8	28	47	75	33		3	*75	
Robbinston,	Nov. 24, 1811	David B. Sewall,	Jan. 19,	1842	5		2			29	63	92	16		3	95	40
St. Stephen's, N. B.,	Oct. 21, 1846	Horatio Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5,	1854	46	5	4	3		53	84	137	14	18		200	351
Whiting,	Nov. 9, 1822									4	7	11	1			60	5
Whitneyville,	Dec. 7, 1836	Isaac Weston, s. s.		1855						14	7	21	6			40	
EIGHTEEN.		ELEVEN.			93	18	22	19	13	306	603	1128	265	43	14	1550	$1436

Semi-Annual Meeting at Eastport, Oct. 10, 11, 1855. Sermons by Rev. S. H. Keeler, 1 Kings, 19: 11—13; Rev. S. C. Fessenden, of Lincoln Conference, Gal. 6: 14, and Rev. J. H Stearns. Themes for discussion—Christian Fellowship; Church Discipline. Communion season, Rev. D. B. Sewall, and Rev. J. R. French, of Cumberland Conference.

Meeting at Machias, Jan 31, Feb. 1, 1856. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Moderator. Sermons by Rev. H. F. Harding, Deut. 29, 29; Rev. S. D. Hosmer, Luke 5: 12, 13; Rev. D. B. Sewall, Matt. 13: 45, 46; Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, John 3: 16; Rev. S. H. Keeler, Matt. 22: 42 Topics—1. Critical Hearers—2. Christians should not seek ease and comfort.—3. A willingness to sacrifice individual tastes and preferences.—Waiting for God. Communion season, Rev. Messrs. Keeler and Sewall.

Annual meeting, in Machias, June 11 and 12, 1856. Sermons by Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, 2 Tim. 2: 13; Rev. D. B. Sewall, Jer. 23: 6. Topic for discussion—A willingness to sacrifice individual tastes and preferences, for fear of causing others to offend.

Next Meeting, in St. Stephens, N. B., Oct. 8, 9, 1856. Preachers—Rev. S. D. Hosmer, Rev. J. H. Stearns. Substitutes—Rev. C. W. Richardson, Rev. J. C. Adams. Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Scribe. Dea. W. A. Crocker, of Machias, Treasurer.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION. Times of Meeting, June and October; Sub-Associations, more frequently.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1856.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, ORGANIZED IN PORTLAND, JANUARY 10, 1826.

County Conferences and Date of Organization.	Churches.	Ministers.	Admissions.		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		Number in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
			Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Exc.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Aroostook, - - - 1844	11	5	4	2	5	2		50	95	149	28	4	7	477	76
Cumberland, - - 1822	34	31	120	79	59	105	2	981	2246	3772	444	34	72	3453	9376
Franklin, - - - 1830	13	8	16	5	9	12	1	186	271	674	205	11		748	220
Hancock, - - - 1825	11	7	34	9	7	12		247	541	820	77	24	13	1055	1758
Kennebec, - - - 1823	17	10	31	1	8	17		299	707	1064	98	1	10	1112	2350
Lincoln and Sagadahoc, - 1825	25	18	78	23	35	48	1	539	1140	2019	299	29	22	1883	4576
Oxford, - - - - 1824	13	11	19	11	16	15		235	469	730	148	4	7	931	609
Penobscot, - - - 1825	17	10	76	32	17	33	2	434	871	1402	252	22	26	2030	4967
Piscataquis, - - - 1842	12	6	6	2	11	17	1	208	355	563	124	2	6	597	433
Somerset, - - - 1823	14	10	21	11	14	4		174	338	564	121	14	1	790	267
Union, - - - - 1836	13	11	25	8	28	12	2	272	470	1018	185	19	22	952	617
†Waldo, - - - 1848	13	9	18	10	19	33	8	239	555	811	138	10	16	824	930
Washington, - - - 1829	18	11	93	18	22	19	13	306	603	1128	263	43	14	1550	1436
York, - - - 1822	26	19	46	31	45	24	1	567	1472	2072	361	28	21	1904	3003
FOURTEEN.	237	‡166	587	242	295	353	31	§4737	11033	16,786	2743	245	237	18,286	‖$30,618

†Separated from Hancock Conference, 1848.

‡Adding 40 Ordained Ministers not included in the TABLES, and deducting 3 who are s. s. in more than one Conference, and the whole number of Clergymen is 203.

§The Summary of Males and Females includes only those reported separately; while the columns for Totals contains all the Members reported, or taken from last year's Minutes.

‖Of this sum, about $12,000 was for Home Missions, $9,000 for Foreign Missions, $500 for the Bible Society, $1000 for Seamen, $500 to the Sabbath School Cause, $1,000 to the Education Society, $1,500 to the Tract Society, and $1,000 to Norfolk sufferers. It does not include home charities. In addition to the amount reported, $300 has been paid by the Conferences, as such, to the Maine Missionary Society.

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THIRD REPORT ON HOME EVANGELIZATION.

The Reports of former years have defined what is meant by Home Evangelization—have spoken of the extent of the evil to be reached and remedied, and have made important suggestions respecting the means of bringing men under the influence of a preached Gospel. Little room seems left for addition to what has been said on these topics.

One of the most painful and discouraging facts in respect to the final triumph of the Gospel, and the cordial subjection of the world to Christ, is this: the Gospel has extensively failed to maintain the ground which it once possessed. In many places where it once flourished, it has been supplanted by systems of gross heresy; and irreligion and moral desolation have prevailed. Look at Palestine, once illumined by a Savior's teachings, and wet with a Savior's tears, and a Savior's blood. Wonders of grace were there wrought. Thousands were born in a day. Churches were formed "throughout all Judea, and Galilee, and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." The Apostles planted Churches throughout the various provinces of Asia Minor. Syria, Arabia, Egypt and Carthage, witnessed the early triumphs of the Gospel. But now, and for ages past, the crescent has waved in triumph, where thus early was unfurled the banner of the Cross. Throughout all these countries, the religion of Mahomet has supplanted the religion of the Son of God. The *name* of Christianity is there a reproach. The few who bear its name are almost as foreign to its sentiments and spirit, as the very heathen.

On most of the countries of Europe, where a pure Gospel was once preached, and pure Churches once shed the light of holy truth and holy example, Romanism has laid its withering hand, and spread its deadly blight. The *forms* of religion have supplanted its power. Senseless mummeries and dead formalities have been substituted for vital piety.

Our own country is comparatively new; but still it affords affecting illustrations of the melancholy truth, that the Gospel may lose the hold it once had of a community. The religious element was the predominant element in the character of the early settlers of New England. It pervaded every department of life—the family and the State, as well as the Church. It gave a religious type and tone to their civil affairs. Men had not then learned that religion had nothing to do with politics. But how stands the matter now? Compared with other parts of the country and the world, we have great occasion to be thankful that so much of the religious element remains. But compared with the early state of New England, it must be admitted that in this respect there has been a fearful retrogradation. Error and irreligion hold sway over a much greater proportion of the people, than in the early days of our history. Proof of this is found in the wide-spread and increasing neglect of the public worship of God on the Sabbath. The Committee will repeat what has before been said on this subject, no more than just to say, that the investigations of a former Committee show that in the most favored localities of this State, not more than from one-third to one-half of those who might attend public worship, were ordinarily found in any house of God on the Sabbath. Estimates from ten towns, taken promiscuously, showed that but little more than one-seventh of the people ordinarily attend public worship. This indifference to the ordinances of religion is a growing evil. It is undoubtedly attributable, in part, to the prevalence of lax and pernicious views of religion, which teach that the part a man acts in the present life is not to affect his condition in the future life; in part, to abounding skepticism in regard to all revealed truth; and in part to the not over modest feeling, that the people have become wiser than their teachers.

This waning power of the Gospel over the masses of society is an affecting and alarming fact. Its baleful effects are seen in the high places of the land, as well as in the common walks of life. In the early days of this nation, public men ex-

tensively cherished a profound respect for the Gospel and its Divine Author. Jehovah was felt to be the God of nations, and His blessing was sought in the early struggles for liberty, and efforts to found a wise and equitable government. They yielded to the practical influence of the belief that the stability of free governments depended upon the intelligence and virtue of the people.

The revolutionary Congress, sitting in Philadelphia, in 1778, passed the following Resolution:

"*Whereas*, True religion and good morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness,

Resolved, That it be, and hereby is earnestly recommended to the several States, to take the most effectual measures for the encouragement thereof; and for the suppression of theatrical entertainments, horse racing, gambling, and such other diversions as are productive of idleness, dissipation and a general depravity of principles and manners."—[See Christian Mirror June 3, 1856.]

How would such a resolution be regarded by the present Congress, which nourishes within its bosom a member, who has stained his hands with a brother's blood during the present session? All gory and guilty as he is, the House, of which he is a member, permits him to enjoy the honor of his high station without censure or rebuke.

And yet another, still holds his seat, after having committed a cowardly, brutal, and murderous assault upon one of the purest patriots, and most exalted statesmen in the land,—after having beaten, bruised and mangled him as none without a savage and fiendish heart could have done. And yet by one-half of the country he is esteemed a hero, and is honored with gifts and praises. How would appear resolutions in favor of religion and morality by a government aiding and abetting the most cruel outrages upon the peaceful inhabitants of a distant territory—permitting a ruthless horde of ruffians to wrest from them the right of suffrage, to pillage and burn their towns, ravage and murder the people and trample upon the dearest rights of humanity? Such sentiments as the father's of the republic uttered with entire propriety, could not be uttered by their degenerate sons without arrant mockery. "Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Well might Jehovah say of us, as of ancient Israel, "Shall I not visit for these things, saith the Lord? Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?"

The waning power of the Gospel in our own State may be seen by adducing a few facts in the history of this Conference for a quarter of a century. In the first half of this time the churches increased with hopeful rapidity. In five years from 1830 there was reported an increase of 4739 members. The next five years showed an increase of 2408. The next three years 2132. In thirteen years, from 1830 to 1843 the membership of these churches increased more than one hundred per cent—from 9161 to 18540. From that date our decline commences. From 1843 to 1845, the decrease was 533—from 1845 to 1850 the decrease was 1181—from 1850 to 1855 there was the small increase of 111. The decrease in 12 years was 1603. In the mean time there has been an increase of laborers and labors. In 1830 there were 147 churches and 104 pastors and stated supplies. In 1843 there were 208 churches and 137 pastors and stated supplies. In 1855—235 churches and 179 pastors and stated supplies.

Is not this simple statement of facts, a most painful proof of the declining influence of the Gospel? But this would be less afflictive, if other evangelical denominations were progressing rapidly and securing for the Gospel a sure lodgment in the hearts of the people. But there has been similar decline among some if not all of them in this State; and extensively throughout New England, and the country.

By what means is this declining process to be arrested; How shall the swelling tide of error and irreligion be checked? How is the land to be thoroughly evangelized?

It is replied: 1. That it will not do to rely on any outward organisms.

It is a day of abounding organizations—an age in which almost every good work is attempted by an organized force. We have our Tract and Publication Societies for the dissemination of a religious literature; our Sabbath School Societies to provide suitable instruction for the young, our Bible Societies for the diffusion of the word of life—our Education Societies for the training of young men for the ministry—our Missionary Societies for sending forth the heralds of the cross to the destitute—our Temperance and Moral Reform Societies for the

suppression of particular vices, and the promotion of particular virtues. They have all done good. The country is in a far better condition than it would have been without them.

But notwithstanding all that they have accomplished, error and irreligion have gained upon us. Some forms of evil have been checked, particularly intemperance—but other forms have been intensified and extended. Neglect of the Gospel, and its ordinances, infidelity and profane contempt of divine authority have gathered strength.

Nor will it be safe to rely on any new, outward arrangements. In respect to non-attendance upon public worship, it has been thought that the evil might be largely removed by making houses of worship more accessible and inviting to the poor, and the negligent. Under the present system the poor often find it difficult to provide themselves with seats. There is undoubted call for improvement here. The subject is worthy of grave consideration and earnest inquiry.

But the wisest arrangements would not reach the seat of the difficulty. Many who own eligible pews are exceedingly remiss in occupying them. The difficulty lies deep in a depraved heart, which does not relish the Gospel—which has no pleasure in the services of the sanctuary, the worship of the living God. No external arrangements—no outward appliances, will overcome this obstacle. What then shall be done?

It is admitted that the Gospel is the grand remedy for the evils we deplore. It is Heavens' appointed instrumentality for the conversion of sinners, and the diffusion of holiness in the earth. But by what means is the Gospel to become more efficacious in winning and saving souls?

2. I reply by the influence of a *far deeper piety in the church.*

Efficiency is of God. But divine efficiency is ordinarily put forth in connexion with means best adapted to the result sought. No one kind of means is now so much needed as a deeper, purer piety—permeating the soul, and transforming it into the likenes of the great Exemplar. The success of a preached Gospel depends much upon the illustrations of it, in the life and character of its professed receivers. Hence the Son of God said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world; Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" David in his penitential psalm, prays God for a clean heart and a right spirit, and for the presence of the Holy Spirit. "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

A holy church, and a faithful, godly ministry, are among the most important conditions of the success of a preached Gospel. Preachers should be able with Paul to say to those to whom they minister, "Ye are witnesses and God also, how holily, and justly, and unblamably, we behaved ourselves among you that believed." Their heart must beat with the heart of Paul, and the heart of Jesus, in compassion for the perishing. Then they must be able to appeal to the receivers of the Gospel—to their life and character—as a demonstration of its transforming and holy influence. Infidelity would then stop its mouth, and sinners be turned unto God. A certain infidel said he could answer all the arguments of books in defence of christianity. But there was one argument he could not answer, it was the holy character of a certain deacon. This convinced him of the truth of the Gospel, and led him to Christ. So might we expect it would extensively be if all professing christians were truly exemplary.

Let the humility and gentleness of Christ adorn their character and commend their religion. Let them exhibit an unworldly, heavenly minded spirit—make it evident that, while not slothful in business, they are fervent in spirit, serving the Lord: that their supreme object is to glorify God, and lay up treasure in heaven. Let them evince an unselfish, self-denying spirit—make it manifest that they live not unto themselves, but unto him who loved them and died for them—that they look not exclusively on their own things, but also on the things of others—that they love others as themselves, are as anxious to promote their good and secure their salvation—that they are willing to give and toil according to their ability to bless and save a world lying in wickedness. Let them give examples of pure and high morality, of inviolable truth, and inflexible integrity, and unimpeachable honesty—let the rule of right be supreme and invariable.

Let all his people cultivate and exhibit the spirit of love and harmony among themselves. In his ever memorable prayer just before his crucifixion, the Saviour prayed that his disciples might be one, "as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Let the bands of love bind in peace and amity the whole brotherhood of believers, of every name. Let it be manifest that they are animated by the same sublime end, the glory of God in the salvation of a perishing world.

Let the whole church maintain a devout spirit; holding sweet and holy communion with God in meditation, in prayer, in christian ordinances. Let their temper and spirit be Christ-like, meek, humble, gentle, forgiving—let them sedulously discharge all the duties of piety and charity.

In fine let the church be what it might be, and ought to be, in its officers and members, and there would be little reason to complain of barren ministries, and an unsuccessful Gospel. The Gospel would have free course, run and be glorified. Wonders of grace might even now be wrought, equalling in power and glory those of apostolic days.

The efforts of God's people to bring men into the sanctuary, and under the influence of a preached gospel, would then be felt as the outgoings of no sinister, or sectarian purpose; but the spontaneous movement of benevolent concern for their salvation. The history of Harlan Page would not thus stand out with distinctive and solitary prominence, but be a very common history. What church whose members should labor as he did, would not soon make the community in which they dwell, as the garden of the Lord?

The conclusion at which your committee arrive is this. The work of Home Evangelization can be accomplished only as the result of a deeper piety in the church and ministry. Let full proof be made of its power and influence, bringing to the work the prayers and activities of the whole church, and the results would be glorious. The experiment has hardly yet been made on a large scale. Let it be made with humble reliance on the grace of God, and on the power of his Spirit: let them bring all the tithes into the store house, and then, if christendom is not evangelized, the church may fall back upon the great ultimate truth—even so Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight. Then will be left only the duty of holy submission to the *infinite Father*.

In behalf of the Committee,

S. THURSTON.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee of the General Conference, appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, at its last Anniversary, respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

A part of their number were present at the annual examination of the classes, at the Anniversary exercises, and at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. On the Committee, were representatives of young men, and men of years, graduates of this Institution, and of other Seminaries; men whose proclivities may be thought to be to Old School, and to New School in Theology, and to the Sunny Side and the Shady Side in their views of existing things. But on this occasion, they were all similarly impressed, and all made happy, thankful and hopeful.

Every facility was afforded the Committee for obtaining full and exact knowledge of all that pertains to the Seminary. We were not displeased to find in the Board of Trustees, men of differing temperament and tendencies, the sanguine and hopeful, and men of caution, indisposed to expose the Institution to the liability of the burden of debt. We were pleased to see that their usage is, when measures of importance are up for consideration, to express, each, his mind, courteously, yet plainly and independently; and above all to notice the unmistakable evidencies of their deep concern for, and true devotion to the welfare of the Institution under their supervision How many times in years gone, have they met, when the condition of the Seminary was dark and its prospects still darker? They did not surrender themselves to despair; and it is hoped, their faith may never again be subjected to trials equal to those of the past.

We were glad to find the same Professors, that have presided and taught, in former years, all of whom have had a probation amply sufficient in length for satisfactory trial, and some of whom are truly veterans in the service, men not one of whom but possesses in a marked degree the qualities fitting him for his station, men not one of whom have we ever wished, or been willing to part with, all of

whom we hope long yet to retain; and whom hitherto neither the fame nor the money of other places has been able to lure from us. They are men exceedingly unlike to each other, in many particulars; but their harmony in action and unity of spirit are all that can be desired. It has not fared with every similar Institution in this respect, as with this. Some facts showing how fraternally these officers regard one another, and what they are willing to do for each others comfort and usefulness, which came under the notice of the committee, considerations of delicacy should probably lead them to refrain from mentioning

We were well satisfied with the Examination in the Department of each Professor, as there was evidence of able and faithful teaching and a good degree of profit therefrom. The young men seemed, as far as we could judge, to have been diligent students, with humble minds and spiritual aims.

The exercises of the Anniversary were well received and reflected honor on the Seminary. The graduating class consisted of thirteen. Of these, we have information. that seven are laboring in Maine; three as settled pastors, three as stated supplies, and one as an officer in Bowdoin College Two are laboring in New Hampshire, and one in Massachusetts. One is a Missionary in Oregon, and two are still pursuing their studies. All are faithfully and usefully employed. One of those settled in this State has been blessed with a revival of religion, and more than thirty have been added to his church.

The number of students at present connected with the Seminary, we learn, is 40; one having been added since the issue of the last catalogue. Amid all the fluctuations as to the number of students in other Seminaries, ours has been remarkably uniform. For the last twenty years, the number here has rarely been over fifty, and as rarely less than forty. Since 1836, 230 have graduated at the Seminary, while a pretty large number of others have pursued here their studies for a time, but from various reasons, have not received diplomas.

Previous to the last anniversary, the Trustees had elected an additional Professor, and he having accepted the appointment, the Faculty is now made stronger by the accession of Prof. Harris to the Theological department. He is proving himself, as was expected of him, and as, we are assured, is in fact a very valuable and acceptable instructor, and is justly regarded as a very valuable accession to the Seminary. Professor Pond, besides invaluable and apparently indispensable general services rendered by him, now occupies the chair of Ecclesiastical History, and also delivers Lectures on Pastoral Duties. The funds of the Seminary remain much as they were a year ago. Three of the Professorships are endowed. It was hoped and expected, that Mr. Harris' Professorship would have been endowed before this time, but owing to the distress of the times, only about half the sum necessary for the endowment has been subscribed. The other half remains to be provided.

Some 500 volumes have been added to the Library during the year. More than half of these are German books, purchased from the Library of the late Rev. Mr. Starman of Waldoborough.

The building for a chapel and Library-room has not yet been provided; and consequently the valuable Library of more than 10,000 volumes is still exposed as heretofore. With a commendable zeal, the ladies have been making contributions for the putting up of this building, and between one and two thousand dollars have been collected. Some of the largest churches in the State have not yet sent in their contributions. This object of a chapel cannot, must not be much longer delayed. The interests at stake, and especially the Library, are too important to be longer kept at hazard.

The Congregational churches of Maine must not become weary in hearing of the wants of their Theological Seminary; and considering their existing indebtedness to it, and its vital prospective importance to them, it is believed, they will not. An impression may have, to some extent, obtained, that the work of endowing the Seminary is one to be finished, so that further calls for aiding it shall be unnecessary; if so, it is a wrong impression. Like the Missionary Society, it is to have our continual care. Contributions for it, as for that, will not indeed be necessary every year. And the Churches do not mean at any time to make the Seminary rich; at any time, to put it beyond dependence on Christian favor, but while it retains favor and deserves it, they do mean, more and more, as occasion requires, to provide for it all the means requisite for vigorous, healthful and the most useful operation. They do mean, that students shall have substantial inducements to repair to it for their Theological training, and that the Professors shall neither starve, nor have occasion to fear starvation.

As Maine, whose interests so require it, happily has a Theological Seminary, they do mean to make the utmost possible use of it for the State, for Jesus Christ and human salvation. And, now, occasion does require, that the endowment of Dr. Harris' Professorship be immediately filled up; and that additional means be obtained, so that a chapel may be erected and completed, the present year. For the increase of the Library, for repairs, and other expenses constantly occurring in such an Institution, a contingent fund is also needed. Should the Trustees send out an agent immediately to solicit money for these necessary purposes, we recommend, that the call be met with ready and a sufficiently liberal favor. The best men, governed by the highest motives, will work all the better, when properly encouraged, by those who should encourage them. The best men will not, and should not, continue in a position in which they have not, and cannot obtain, the necessary instrumentalities for usefulness. Our churches will sustain and retain their Professors in the Seminary.

We are pleased to learn, that our friends in Massachusetts are moving in a like effort for their Theological Seminary. It has been determined to raise, if possible, 100,000 dollars for the Theological Seminary at Andover; 40,000 as a fund to increase the salaries of Professors, 30,000 to build a new Library chapel; and 30,000 to found scholarships in the Seminary. This movement indicates a zeal and liberality in the cause of learning and the gospel, which we are glad to see, and for which our parent State has always been distinguished. We hope, the example of the parent may not be lost upon the child. We trust, the churches in Maine, may be excited, not to say provoked, to a like zeal and liberality in the work of endowing the Seminary at Bangor, from which they have received in late years, and must receive in years to come, nearly all their ministers.

In behalf of the Committee,

D. SHEPLEY.

TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

	Elected.
Rev. JOHN MALTBY, of Bangor, *President*,	1835
Rev. DAVID THURSTON, D. D., of Searsport, *Vice President*,	1814
JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, Esq., of Bangor, *Secretary*,	1850
GEO. A. THATCHER, Esq., of Bangor, *Treasurer and Agent*,	1850
Rev. John Sawyer, of Garland,	1814
Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Augusta,	1825
Geo. W. Pickering, Esq, of Bangor,	1837
Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot,	1839
Adams H. Merrill, Esq., of Corinth,	1845
Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport,	1850
Rev. Geo. E. Adams, D. D., of Brunswick,	1850
Samuel Pickard, Esq., of Lewiston Falls,	1852
Henry Darling, Esq., of Bucksport,	1852
Rev. Geo. B. Little, of Bangor,	1856
William H. Mills, Esq., of Bangor,	1856

FACULTY.

Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., President, and Waldo Professor of Ecclesiastical History,	1832
Rev. George Shepard, D. D., Page Professor of Sacred Rhetoric, and Pastoral Duties,	1836
Rev. D. Talcott Smith, D. D., Professor of Sacred Literature,	1839
Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology,	1855

The usual time for admission to the Seminary, is twelve weeks from the Anniversary—which is now held on the last Wednesday in July.

EXERCISES AT THE INAUGURATION OF REV. DR. HARRIS, JULY, 30, 1856.

Invocation and reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Dr. Tappan of Augusta; Address by Rev. Dr. Pond. Inaugurating Prayer, Rev. David Thurston, of Searsport. Charge by Rev. J. Maltby, of Bangor. Inangural Address, Rev. Dr. Harris,—Theme:—Christianity as a Revelation, a Science, and a Light.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report made last year on "The best mode of conducting the Sessions of the Conference," beg leave to state—

That the views presented in that Report, in almost all particulars, have their cordial concurrence. The three suggestions then made in respect to the means of gaining time for some valuable purpose, it seems to us, particularly to deserve the attention of the Conference.

After considering, however the whole subject as carefully as we have been able, we would respectfully submit the following additional suggestions. It appears to us, that the sermon with which the Conference has been usually opened under the direction of the Committee of Arrangements, has been interesting and advantageous. We have often enjoyed very much the services of some of our own brethren on that occasion. Opportunity has also been thus afforded of extending a courtesy to distinguished visitors from abroad, which has almost invariably proved richly remunerative to ourselves. This is the only Sermon during our meetings for which the arrangements are not made the preceding year; and as it generally happens that there are those present of ability in the pulpit to whom no duty of preaching has been assigned, it seems undesirable to lose what may be our only opportunity of profiting by it. Experience thus far, it is believed, has given us no occasion to complain of this portion of the exercises of the Conference.

We agree with what seems to be the opinion of the former Committee, that the exercises on Thursday afternoon are too much prolonged. Still, on the whole, we should be sorry to dispense with the Sermon customary on that occasion.—Experience, we believe, has taught that, commonly, the Sermon is not the exercise which could best be spared. The addresses at the administration of the Lord's Supper have, however, sometimes, from their great length, proved a weariness. We would propose, if any addresses are made in administering this ordinance, they be strictly limited to five or ten minutes at the longest for each. In this case, with a Sermon also, properly abbreviated, the whole exercises would not be too protracted; and the profit derived, we think, would be greater than if, omitting the Sermon, considerable time should be devoted to these necessarily unpremeditated, and often desultory remarks.

We like very much the *second* recommendation of the Committee, and hope it will be adopted.

It seems to us, also, that the Delegates from Corresponding Bodies are often too much crowded for time on Thursday morning. To remedy this evil, we would propose, that instead of limiting ourselves to Thursday morning for hearing their statements, opportunity be afforded of listening to some of their addresses at earlier stages in our meetings, both on Tuesday and Wednesday. The exercises of the Conference will thus be more agreeably diversified, and we shall extend more grateful courtesy to our brethren from abroad.

After all, however, that can be done in the general manner here contemplated in regard to "The best mode of conducting the sessions of the Conference," by far the heaviest part of the responsibility of conducting these exercises must always devolve on the Committee of Arrangements for the time being. They must select what topics shall occupy our attention. We cannot consider the interests of all the Benevolent Societies in detail every year, and ought not to consider it a duty to listen always to statements concerning them from Agents and Secretaries with whose presence we are favored. The Committee of Arrangements must make a selection among them, and no more feel bound to give every Agent an opportunity to speak in behalf of the Society which he represents, than every other Minister attending our meetings. We distract our attention by attempting to look at so many different objects at once, and the interests of these Societies are not, we think, much promoted by the cursory and superficial statements of their operations, which must be crowded into five or ten minutes.—Let us afford time enough to each topic that may come before us to become more interested in it than we were before. Let us give time enough to become valuably instructed, and impressed, concerning what comes before us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN O. FISKE, CHAIRMAN.

CALAIS, June 24, 1856.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1855.

The Committee appointed to Report on the "Best mode of conducting the Sessions of the Conference," ask leave to submit the following:—

That the leading fault in our customary arrangement is, that too many things are undertaken to be put in the time to which we are limited. The result is, that nothing is done so thoroughly and effectually as is desirable. The tendency of the meeting is to become fragmentary, unsavory, and unfruitful.

We see no way for essential improvement in our series, except by diminishing the number of subjects and objects presented before the Conference, that time may thereby be gained for a more full, concrete and effective presentation of the objects and topics which are brought forward.

When we come to inquire for matters that can be spared, we find that certain things are so established in time and place that they must abide. Including the Maine Missionary Society, which is, in a sense, a part of Conference, there are four Sermons, Report of the Sabbath School Committee, Report and Addresses of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, and the cause of Seamen, Report of the State of Religion in the Home Churches, and the hearing of Delegates from Corresponding Bodies, the Administration of the Lord's Supper. All these are fixed. Your Committee recommend no essential change on any of these points.

The only time then left to the discretion of the Committee of Arrangements is, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening.

The only way in which time can be gained for some valuable purpose is,

1. By forbearing to give the detail and narrative of statistics on whatever cause may be presented.

2. By forbearing to read in-extenso, what is of course to be printed, and which those who hear understand that they will soon have the opportunity of reading at their leisure.

3. By declining, as a general thing, to hear the various Benevolent Societies by Agents. If there is anything very special in the affairs of any Society, or if any specially interesting advocate appears, let there be a hearing.

If time may be gained by any modes of economy, your Committee recommend that the Conference Sermon be preached at the *opening* of Conference, and that there be no Sermon in connection with the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

That a time be given to the reading of some able, condensed suggestive paper, on a subject previously assigned—a subject which shall lead to the examination of the great principles of Christian truth and duty. The reading to be followed by a free discussion on the part of Conference.

GEORGE SHEPARD, CHAIRMAN.

PORTLAND, June 26, 1855.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The position of Reporter upon any subject having to do with statistics, is a good deal like that of the Hebrews in Egypt—the tale of bricks must be made up without the straw to aid in their construction.

Still we rejoice in some evident advance upon the point. There begins to be manifested a sympathy and interest quite encouraging. One County Committee, after stating that only half of his Conference report their Schools, adds, "It is too bad for you to walk about Zion these thousands of miles, and not be able to tell all the towers thereof and its precious stones." Another says, "I have been waiting to receive reports from the Churches in this County until I can wait no longer I am disappointed at their indifference to this very important subject. When will they wake up," &c.

It may encourage these brethren to learn that there is progress in this work. Last year but *three* of the County Conferences made reports, this year *seven*.

The tone of these reports is generally encouraging; in some there is unusual interest. They show a better appreciation of the Sabbath School, a juster esti-

mate of its importance. Thus a faithful, laborious brother in Hancock County, reporting his School, says, "Our congregation is made up for the most part of members of the Sabbath School. The Concert is the best attended of our third meetings. Indeed, the School is the most interesting feature in this field of labor. Some of the pupils walk two-and-a-half miles constantly to attend the School."

From the same County writes another, "I have been Superintendent of this School 14 years, and I can truly say, notwithstanding its trials, they have been the happiest years of my life. * * I know I love the Sabbath School, and hope to be able to labor in the cause while I live."

From Oxford—"I think the Sabbath School Institution is being more and more appreciated in this region, and is generally regarded an indispensable auxiliary of the Church and congregation. Most of our converts are from our Schools. In my own congregation, I can bear witness to their good influence."

From Union Conference, a pastor speaks of the want of interest among adults. "We find it difficult to find enough for teachers, and a man cannot be found beside the pastor, for Superintendent; yet I would not be without a School, if I had to superintend and teach it all alone." From the Parish next adjacent, there is reported, "One hundred and six members present last Sabbath, at least two-thirds of the congregation habitually attend—ages from 4 to 70 years. Pastor and Deacons are constantly attendant, as Superintendent, Teachers or Scholars."

Is there not here sufficient testimony to an increased and still increasing interest in this Institution?

Still more grateful is it to record that God has been visiting our Schools with his converting grace. Remarks like the following are scattered through the reports: "We hope that during the year not less than eight or nine young persons of our Bible class have passed from death unto life." "Five of our scholars give good evidence of having given their hearts to the Saviour, and we hope many are not far from the Kingdom of God." In many instances two or three are mentioned as indulging hope. Some schools report larger numbers—in the several schools of Bangor, 18 are reported as converts, Bridgton 26, Waldoboro' 31, while Oldtown signally blessed, reports 40.

But the most animating thought connected with the subject is, the *work on which these young converts immediately enter.* They are ready to ask, "Lord what will thou have me to do?" They are ready as he points, to enter upon his blessed work and do it. You find them seeking out the neglected, colored children of Portland, and teaching them that there is but one fold and one Shepherd, going out to the Reform School, and those vagrant boys, once outcasts, the incipient Pariahs, and Lazzaroni of society, they are leading in right paths, and teaching them the way of life.

This missionary work is beginning to be rightly estimated by the churches. They are feeling more and more deeply that it is their blessed privilege thus to be laborers in the great vineyard. As agent of the American S. S. Union, it has been my pleasing duty to press this subject upon the attention of the churches and the zeal and success with which they are entering upon the work is to me a matter of special thankfulness. Not only in the city, like that venerable church which enjoyed the labors of Payson, but many of the feebler bands scattered among the hills, are quickened by this missionary spirit. The humble church of the valley, for which during 33 years a *second Payson* prayed and labored,* has its two Missionary schools, sustained with zeal and interest, and proving valuable auxiliaries to its strength.

Each of the churches in Bangor sustains two such schools, Bucksport, Waldoboro', Eastport, Augusta, Bethel, Hampden, report similar efforts, and doubtless scores are doing the same without reporting.

Says the report from Union Conference, "We have not only retained the ground heretofore occupied, but we have made inroads upon the enemy," and after a too flattering notice of the S. S. Agency, adds, "The fields of destitution and heathenism, some of them within the sound of the church bell, are being sought out and schools established. Many for the first time hear the voice of prayer, and learn from God's word their first lessons in these schools."

Such to a great extent will ever be the S. School work in Maine. It must have largely this missionary element. Not forgetting, or in the least undervaluing the sacred institution of God's appointment, the family, designed in His infinite wis-

*Rev. C. Hurd D. D., died at Fryeburg Dec. '55, after a ministry of nearly 33 years.

dom as the religious instructor of its children, we still claim that its "lack of service" must be supplied by the church; she must go out into the highways and hedges, and bring in those who without this effort will never know the way of life.

Among the valuable suggestions of the report from Penobscot Conference, its closing exhortations, are specially appropriate here.

"Three things let us do the coming year—

1. *Gather all the children and youth into the Sabbath School*—There are hundreds and thousands who are not now connected with it.

2. *Keep them there.* It is easier to gather than to keep them. It can be done only by giving the school freshness and vigor, by enlisting all both old and young to promote its highest prosperity.

3. *Win them to Christ.* So let us teach, so let us warn and exhort and plead with all long suffering and patience, so let us live and pray and labor, that not thro' our negligence shall any fail of salvation."

For Appendix to this Report, see the 4th page of the cover.

SAMUEL SOUTHER.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

This Society was organized in the year 1829. Efforts were then made to raise a fund, chiefly by subscriptions of $20 each. Some of these subscriptions were soon paid, but the greater part were converted into notes, given to the Society with the understanding that subscribers would pay the interest annually, till it should be convenient to them to pay the principal. Most of these subscribers were ministers, a few others only uniting with them. At first it was the understanding that only the families of those deceased ministers would receive aid from the Society, who had subscribed to its funds. Subsequently, for reasons deemed substantial, it was decided that needy families of any deceased Congregational minister in the State might participate in the benefactions. Till the year 1836, the Society had no beneficiaries; and till then, after one or two years at the beginning, comparatively little interest seems to have been enlisted for its objects.

In June of the year 1837, a Committee, Rev. J. Vaill, chairman, transferred the property of the Society from a former Treasurer to his successor in office, certifying that the property consisted of notes against various individuals amounting to $784,90, of this amount $500 have, till the present time, been kept invested as a permanent fund, paying a yearly six per cent interest; notes have been collected, the principal amounting to $151, 90, and, in compliance with the expressed desire of the donors, put to current uses; and on account of the death, removal, or deep poverty of donors, the Trustees have cancelled notes amounting in the principal to $133,11. Invested $500, collected and put to current uses $151,79, and cancelled $133,11, make $784,90. All notes cancelled have been those of subscribers; and nothing is known to have been lost from injudicious investment.

CURRENT RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

The receipts from the year 1836 to 1856 up to July 4th, have been from the following sources:

Contributions at 21 annual meetings	$1405 12
Various donations and premium on silver	239 43
Principal of notes paid for current use	151 79
Interest	626 26
Aggregate of receipts	$2422 60

The disbursments for the same term of years have been:

"Cash paid on Rev. C. Freeman's note"	$26 96
Postages and loss on an uncurrent bill	3 22
Distributed to Beneficiaries	2394 55
Aggregate of disbursements	$2424 73

The chief yearly dependence of the Society for funds, aside from a small sum received as annual interest, has been on the collection taken at the annual meeting. In 1846 $75, and in 1848 $22, were paid by members of ministerial associations in some of the Counties of the State. Recently a few congregations have furnished liberal contributions. The total receipts of the last year were $285,89. The contribution taken at the late meeting in Calais amounted to $118 44. Families have been aided to the amount annually of ten, fifteen, or twenty dollars each, very rarely more than twenty. The number of families assisted the last year was thirteen. A particular account of appropriations, as well as of receipts, is exhibited, each year, in the Treasurer's Report, which is accessible at all times to any interested.

The following Table gives the amount of the Annual Contribution, the total Receipts, and the number of families aided by the M. C. C, Society, each year, beginning with the year 1836.

Years.	Place of Annual Meeting.	Amount of Ann. Cont'n.	Total of Receipts.	Number of Families aided.	Years.	Place of Annual Meeting.	Amount of Ann. Cont'n.	Total of Receipts.	Number of Families aided.
		$ Cts	$ Cts				$ Cts	$ Cts	
1836	Augusta,	45 42	45 42	3	1847	Portland,	100 50	246 08	5
1837	North Yarmouth,	41 08	81 54	5	1848	Bangor,	49 24	134 44	6
1838	Saco,	57 35	101 55	4	1849	Bath,	90 09	91 00	7
1839	Brunswick,	53 70	142 90	5	1850	South Berwick,	48 05	138 05	5
1840	Hallowell,	35 50	69 70	4	1851	Yarmouth,	61 39	94 89	7
1841	Machias,	32 64	43 84	5	1852	Searsport,	48 74	79 74	7
1842	Portland,	55 25	56 45	5	1853	Saco,	115 59	147 93	9
1843	Bangor,	63 43	120 00	5	1854	Bangor,	116 30	146 30	10
1844	Bath,	53 39	60 59	5	1855	Portland,	132 63	231 17	13
1845	Fryeburg,	55 72	80 01	5	1856	Calais,	118 44		
1846	Augusta,	30 38	150 88	6					

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, INCORPORATED 1829.

Preliminary Meetings at Portland, Oct. 16, 1828, and Jan. 13, 1829.

The Annual Meetings were held in connection with the General Conference regularly from 1829, but there was no Anniversary Sermon till 1833.

The following TABLE gives the names of the Preachers since that date:

1833	Rev. W. Allen, D. D.,	Acts 16: 30—32	
1834	and 1835, no Sermon.		
1836	Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,	Jas. 1: 29	
1837	" C. Bradley,	Gal. 6: 2	
1838	" S. L. Pomroy,	1 Cor. 9: 14	
1839	" T. Pomeroy,	Rom. 12: 15	
1840	" C. Hurd,	2 Tim. 1: 7	
1841	" J. B. Condit,	Zech. 1: 5	
1842	" E. N. Kirk, of Boston.		
1843	" J. Sewall Jr.	John 19: 25—27	
1844	" S. Thurston,	Phil. 4: 1; and 1 Thes. 5: 12, 13	
1845	" E. Thurston,	Nehem. 6: 3	
1846	Rev. G. E. Adams,	Ps. 96: 5	
1847	" E. Pond, D. D.,	John 5: 42	
1848	" B. R. Allen,	1 Tim. 5: 16	
1849	" J. R. Adams,	Titus 3: 8	
1850	" A. Cummings D.D.	Ephes. 4: 15	
1851	" J. Wilde,	Acts 10: 38	
1852	" S. Tenney,	John 4: 22	
1853	" G. Shepard D.D.,	Luke 11: 41, and 1 Tim. 6: 9	
1854	" J. O. Fiske,	1 Cor. 1: 23	
1855	" U. Balkam,	1 Kings, 19: 10	
1856	" H. S. Carpenter,	Philip. 2: 4	

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE; Summary from 1826 to 1856.

June of each year.	Place of meeting.	Moderator,	Corresponding Sec'y.	Recording Sec'y.	*Preacher.	Conferences.	Churches.	Ministers.†	Ch. Members.
1826	Minot,	Rev. Benjamin Tappan,		Rev. Allen Greeley,					
1827	Hallowell,	"	Rev. Asa Cummings,	"	Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy,				
1828	Gorham,	"	"	Rev. Thomas Adams,	David Thurston, Ps. 45 : 16.	8	130	78	7685
1829	Waldoboro',	"	Rev. C. Marsh,	Rev. A. Greeley,	Fifield Holt, Dan. 9 : 25.	8	145	93	9118
1830	Winthrop,	Rev. David Thurston,	Rev. Asa Cummings,	Rev. Charles Jenkins,	Wm. Allen, John 17 : 17.	9	157	104	9161
1831	Fryeburg,	"	"	Rev. D. M. Mitchell,	J. W. Ellingwood, Rev. 2 : 7.	9	166	106	9919
1832	Wiscasset,	"	"	"	B. Tappan, Amos 7 : 2.	9	172	111	12112
1833	Portland, 3d ch,	Rev. Bennett Tyler, D. D.,	Rev. Charles Freeman,	Rev. B. Tappan,	Carlton Hurd, 2 Thess. 3 : 16.	9	176	119	12370
1834	Bath, North ch,	Rev. Samuel Johnson,	"	"	Caleb Hobart, 2 Cor. 10 : 4.	9	180	140	13019
1835	Bangor, Hammond st, ch,	"	"	"	Josiah Peet, Ps. 51 : 13.	9	181	143	13900
1836	Augusta,	"	"	Rev. David Shepley,	D. M. Mitchell, Matt. 6 : 10.	10	188	143	13934
1837	North Yarmouth, 1st ch,	Rev. J. W. Ellingwood,	"	"	S. L. Pomroy, 1 John 4 : 8.	10	189	142	14250
1838	Saco,	"	"	"	Silas McKeen, Rom. 5 : 11.	10	192	146	14902
1839	Brunswick,	"	"	"	Enoch Pond, D. D., Mar. 14 : 72	11	197	144	15607
1840	Hallowell,	Rev. S. L. Pomroy,	"	"	D. Shepley, 1 Cor. 9 : 27.	11	201	142	16308
1841	Machias,	"	"	Rev. Geo. E. Adams,	Isaac Rogers, Rev. 5 : 9	11	203	141	17338
1842	Portland, 2d ch,	"	"	Rev. D. Shepley,	Robert Crossett, Phil. 1 : 21.	12	207	138	17770
1843	Bangor, 1st ch,	Rev. Geo. E. Adams,	"	"	S. Tenney, Eph. 4 : 14, 15.	12	208	167	18540
1844	Bath, South ch,	"	"	Rev. Edw'd F. Cutter	S. L. Pomroy, Ps. 133.	12	211	167	18447
1845	Fryeburg,	"	Rev. John W. Chickering,	"	Ray Palmer, Gal. 2 : 20.	13	213	173	18007
1846	Augusta,	Rev. Stephen Thurston,	"	"	Nath'l Chapman, Eph. 4 : 1-3.	13	215	174	17739
1847	Portland, High st. ch,	"	"	"	E. F. Cutter, Acts 9 : 6.	13	218	181	17504
1848	Bangor, Hammond st, ch,	"	"	"	Wooster Parker, Ps. 145 : 11.	14	222	188	17192
1849	Bath, Winter st. ch,	Rev. Ray Palmer,	"	Rev. S. H. Hayes,	R. Woodhull, 2 Kings 6 : 16.	14	223	186	16981
1850	South Berwick,	"	"	"	James Drummond, 121 : 1.	14	220	178	16826
1851	Yarmouth,	Rev. Richard Woodhull,	Rev. S. H. Hayes,	Rev. E. F., Cutter,	Joseph Loring, Col. 1 : 15	14	225	187	16986
1852	Searsport,	Rev. David Shepley,	"	Rev. S. C. Fessenden,	John Maltby, Phil. 2 : 16.	14	227	176	16896
1853	Saco,	"	"	"	J. J. Carruthers D. D. Rom. 14:7	14	231	190	16218
1854	Bangor, Central ch,	"	"	"	Elijah Kellogg, Sol. Song 4 : 16	14	230	193	17169
1855	Portland, Third ch,	Rev. Wooster Parker,	"	E. F. Duren,	Geo. Shephard D. D., John 1:14	14	235	209	18535
1856	Calais,	"	"	"	J. R. Munsell, John 15 : 19	14	237	203	18286

*Of the annual Conference sermon. †Includes Pastors, s. s. and clergymen without pastoral charge.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

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The Congregational churches of New Jersey are connected with the New York and Brooklyn Association, and are represented in the General Association of the State of New York.

Susquehanna Association meets in Potterville, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, fourth Tuesday in September, (23d) 1856.

Congregational Association of the Wabash Valley, Indiana, organized in 1845. The churches of this State are about to form a Conference.

The Evangelical churches of Minnesota, are to meet on the fourth Wednesday (22d) in October, at St. Anthony, to organize a Conference of churches.

The Congregational Association of California, embracing 15 churches and 10 ministers, meets in April and October.

The Congregational Association of Oregon, (9 churches and 8 ministers,) meets September, 4th 1857, at Oregon city.

Five Congregational churches in Kansas, two in Nebraska.

In the United States, there were reported in the Congregational Year Book, for 1856, as connected with our denomination—churches 2543, ministers 1935, without charge 478. Added by profession during the year 6264, by letter 5950, removed by death 3190, dismissed 6010. Total number of members 212,734.

In Canada,—churches 75, ministers 57, total of members 2857.

The Secretary of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, reports as connected with that body, 15 churches, and 8 ministers.

INFORMATION RECEIVED SINCE THE PREVIOUS PAGES WERE PRINTED.

Page 9. Convention of Wisconsin meets at Milwaukie, Oct. 2, 1856. (not 1857)
" " General Association of Michigan meets at Owasso, May 26, 1857, at 7 o'clock P. M.
" " General Association of Iowa meets at Denmark, Lee Co., June 3, 1857.
" " Congregational Union of Canada meets at Montreal on the second Wednesday (10th) of June 1856.
" 10. General Assembly (N. S.) meets May 21, 1857, at Cleveland, Ohio—(omitted in part of the edition.)
" 19. York Conference, John Parsons, is only *stated supply*, at Limington.
" 20. Fourth line from the bottom, for "house" read *honor*.

The Rules of the General Conference of Maine may be found on page 16.
The CONSTITUTION is published in the Minutes for 1854.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF MAINE,

AT THEIR

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,

IN BATH,

JUNE 23---26, 1857.

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The THIRTY-SECOND Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Maine, will be held in Augusta, commencing on Tuesday, June 22, 1858, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The TWENTY-NINTH Annual Meeting of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, on Tuesday evening.

FIFTY-FIRST Anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society, on Wednesday, June 23, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

FORTIETH Anniversary of the Maine Branch of the American Education Society. Wednesday, P. M.

MINUTES.

The THIRTY-FIRST Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Maine was held with the Central Congregational Church, Bath,—commencing on Tuesday, June 23, 1857, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator, Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, of Belfast, read the one hundred and twenty-first Psalm, and led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 389, Church Psalmody,—"Come, we that love the Lord."—*(St. Thomas)*

The Certificates of Delegates were called for, and the following members were enrolled.

The COUNTY CONFERENCES were represented as follows:

AROOSTOOK.—Rev. Alvan J. Bates of Lincoln, Rev. Marcus R. Keep, of No. 11.

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Charles Packard of New Gloucester, Rev. Amory H. Tyler of Falmouth, Rev. Joseph Loring of Pownal, Prof. William Smythe of Brunswick, Dea. Hezekiah Packard and Bro. Godfrey Mark of Portland.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington, Rev. John Baker of Wilton, Dea. Isaac French of Chesterville, Dea. James Scales of Temple.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives of Castine, Rev. Joshua Eaton of Isle au Haut.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. E. B. Webb of Augusta, Rev. Nath'l Chapman of Pittston, Dea. S. K. Gilman, of Hallowell, Bro. Marshall S. Hagar.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Rev. Samuel Talbot of Alna, Rev. John Forbush of Boothbay, Rev. Josiah Merrill of Wiscasset, Dea. R. C. Webb of Waldoboro', Bro. Thomas Simpson of Bath, Bro. Christopher L. Otis of Woolwich.

OXFORD.—Rev. Samuel Bowker of Turner, Rev. J G. Merrill, Dea. G. Shurtleff of South Paris, Dea. Elbridge Chapman of 1st church, Bethel.

PENOBSCOT —Rev. John Maltby of Bangor, Rev. E. S. Palmer of Dedham, Bro Thomas Gregg of Brewer, Bro. Charles W. Jenkins of Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. William S. Sewall of Brownville, Rev. Rufus W. Emerson of Monson.

SOMERSET —Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell of Madison, Dea. S. Wyman of Skowhegan.

UNION.—Rev. Samuel L. Gould of Albany, Rev. Chas. B. Smith, Bro. John Hamblin, of Sweden.

WALDO.—Rev. J. R. Munsell of North Belfast, Rev. D. Thurston, D.D., Bro. J. Y. Baker of Searsport, Bro. L. R. Palmer of Belfast.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. H. Q. Butterfield of St. Stephens, Rev. H. F. Harding of Machias, Dea. George Downes of Calais, Bro. Aaron Hobart of Donnysville.

YORK.—Rev. J. B. Cook of Wells, Rev. Joseph Bartlett, Bro. Gerry Rounds, Jr., of Buxton, Rev. Charles Peabody, of Biddeford, Bro. Chs. O. Means of Biddeford, Bro. H. G. O. Smith of Brownfield.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Officers.—Rev. W. Parker of Belfast, Dea. E. F. Duren of Bangor, Dea. A. R. Mitchell of Bath.

Members of Committees—Rev. Messrs. George E. Adams of Brunswick, John R. Adams of Gorham, S. L. Bowler of Orono, J. W. Chickering, D.D., of Portland, D Cushman of Warren, E. F. Cutter of Belfast, W. Davenport of Strong, S. S. Drake of Woolwich, W. T. Dwight, D.D., of Portland, A. W. Fiske of Kittery, J. O Fiske of Bath, W. B. Green of Waterville, S. Harris, D.D., of Bangor, A. E. Ives of Castine, G. B. Little of Bangor, Amasa Loring of Edgecomb, J. Maltby of Bangor, T. G. Mitchell of Madison, E. Pond, D.D., of Bangor, G. Shepard, D.D., of Bangor, D. Shepley of Winslow, J. P. Skeele of Hallowell, Daniel Sewall of South Paris, Wm. S. Sewall of Brownville, C. B. Smith of Sweden, S. Souther of Fryeburg, B. Tappan, D.D., of Augusta, S. Tenney of Ellsworth, S. Thurston, D.D., of Searsport, E. B. Webb of Augusta, H. White of St. Albans, and E. Whittlesey of Bath.

Brethren George Downes of Calais, E. F. Duren of Bangor, and Otis Kimball of Bath.

Preachers.—Rev. Walter Clark, D.D., of Hartford, Conn., Rev. Samuel Harris, D.D., of Bangor.

Minister of the Place.—Rev. E. Whittlesey, Pastor of Central Cong. ch., Bath.

Delegates to Corresponding Bodies who fulfilled their appointment.—Rev. H. S. Loring of Durham, Rev. J. Smith of Lovell, Rev. H. Houston of Orland, Rev. A. J. Bates of Lincoln, Rev. J. B. Wheelwright of Westbrook, Rev. U. Balkam of Lewiston, (unofficially), and (by letter), Rev. T. G. Mitchell of Madison, Rev. R. M. Sawyer of Winthrop.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Geo. M. Adams of Conway,	General Association of Massachusetts.
" Thomas Shepard, D.D., of Bristol,	Evan. Cons. of Cong. chs., R. I.
" L. Bodwell of Topeka,	Gen'l Asso. of Cong'l chs. and ministers, Kansas.
" T Dwight Hunt of San Francisco,	Cong'l Asso. of California.
" A. J. Parker of Danville, (C. E.),	Cong'l Union of Canada.
" John Tompkins of Marcellus, N. Y.,	Gen'l Assembly Presbt'n ch., (N. S.)
" Wm. H. Humphrey of Richmond,	Maine Baptist Convention.
Albert Church of Hampden,	East Maine Conf. M. E. Church.

The following benevolent organizations were represented:

Am. Board of Com's for F. M.,	by	Rev. S. L. Pomroy, D.D. Sec., Boston. " Wm. Warren, Dis. Sec., Portland.
Am. Home Missionary Society,	"	" T. Dwight Hunt, San Francisco.
Am. Bible Society,	"	" Richard Woodhull, Bangor.
Am. Tract Society,	"	" J. W. Turner, Dis. Sec., Andover, Ms.
Am. & For. Christian Union,	"	" J. C. Fletcher, Philadelphia.
Am. Seamen's Friend So.,	"	" " " "
Am. Cong'l Union,	"	" I. P. Langworthy, Sec. Chelsea, Mass.
Mass. S. S. Society,	"	" A. Bullard, Sec., Boston.
Am. Sunday School Union,	"	Dea. Henry Hoyt, Boston.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ellingwood of Bath,

Voted,—That Ordained Ministers present, be invited to sit as Honorary Members and take part in our deliberations, as provided in the fourth article of our Constitution.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. J. Smith of Lovell, Delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire, stated that he was cordially received by that body, at its last meeting in Exeter, and a continuation of intercourse was solicited by them.

In consequence of removals and emigrations, the church membership in that body had decreased.

Rev. H. S. Loring of Durham, Delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Congregational Churches in Rhode Island, was present at its annual meeting in Westerly. A Christian and fraternal spirit pervaded its session of two days. They gave expression to kind feelings and good wishes toward us.

Rev. J. B. Wheelwright of Westbrook attended the annual meeting of the Maine Baptist Convention,—an organization much like our own—laboring side by side in the vineyard of the Lord.

No Delegate having reported attendance upon the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, Rev. U. Balkam of Lewiston stated that he unofficially represented the Conference, at its late annual meeting in Lewiston.

Rev. T. G. Mitchell of Madison stated that being unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the General Association of Connecticut, he had, as Delegate to that body, communicated with them by letter.

Rev. R. M. Sawyer of Winthrop reported that as Delegate to the General Association of New York, he had forwarded a written communication for their annual meeting at Albany.

Rev. D. Sewall of Paris reported that Rev. A. T. Loring of Norway attended as Delegate the Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada, at Montreal.

Rev. S. H. Hayes of Frankfort was reported as having attended the annual meeting of the General Association of Illinois, at Elgin, and some of the other western Ecclesiastical Bodies,—from which he had not yet returned.

Rev. H. Houston of Orland communicated by letter that he had attended as

Delegate the meeting of the East Maine Methodist Conference, at Camden, and was cordially and fraternally received.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises. United in singing Hymn 420. "Happy the church, thou sacred place."—*Hebron.*

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Albert Church of Hampden, Delegate from the East Maine Methodist Church.

Remarks by Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington, and Rev. John O. Fiske of Bath. Dea. S. Adams of Castine led in prayer.

Recess of fifteen minutes.

At 11 o'clock commenced the services connected with the opening sermon. The congregation, led by the Organ and Rev. E. Whittlesey of Bath, sung Psalm 139, 7th Part.—

"Jehovah, God! thy gracious power
On every hand we see."—*(Dundee.)*

The Eighth Psalm was read, and prayer offered by Rev. T. Dwight Hunt of California.

Sung Hymn 212.—"O thou that hearest prayer"—*(Lenox.)*

Sermon by Rev. Walter Clark, D D, of Hartford, Conn. Text,—Ephesians iv. 11, 12—"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

THEME.—The prescribed and proper work of the Christian ministry.

This work of the ministry with the church, while it is absolutely indispensable to the sanctification, peace, and usefulness of its members, was shown to promote in the most effectual way, the improvement of morals, the reformation of governments and rulers, the conversion of sinners, the credit of religion, the honor of Christ, and the enlargement of his Kingdom.

We owe it to the world, to our dear ascended Lord, to lift up to the gaze of men in this skeptical age, an example of Christianity, in its full proportions and proper glory:—*religion as it is,*—after the blade and the ear, *the full corn in the ear.*

After a Report from the Committee of Arrangements, Conference adjourned.

Half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. Devotional exercises.

Sung Hymn 475,—"Jesus, where'er thy people meet."—*(Ward.)*

Moderator read 4th chapter of Ephesians.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Shepard, Delegate from Rhode Island.

Remarks by Rev. Dr. Carruthers of Portland, Rev. Dr. Adams of Brunswick, and Rev. A. E. Ives of Castine.

Rev. Isaac Weston of Cumberland, and Rev. J. E. Adams, Pastor of the Abyssinian church, Portland, led in prayer.

The subject of Missions, and the right principle of giving, was introduced by Rev. Dr. Pomroy, Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M.

Sung Hymn 525,—"Zion, awake! thy strength renew."—(Duke-Street.)

The next topic was Lay Agency,—or what responsibility rests on all Christians to preach the Gospel. Remarks made by Rev. C. A. Aiken of Yarmouth, and Rev. J. C Fletcher, lately Seamen's Chaplain at Rio Janeiro, who in the name of the few lay Christians in Brazil, greeted this Conference.

Rev. E. Whittlesey, chairman of the Committee of arrangements, reported the order of service for the evening and the following days.

Benediction by Rev. John R. Adams of Gorham.

The members of Conference tarried for business.

A communication was read from a Committee of correspondence, appointed by the General Convention of Vermont, on the subject of printing the Minutes of Congregational Bodies in one yearly volume.

This, on motion, was referred to Rev. D. Shepley of Winslow, and Rev. Dr. Adams of Brunswick.

Rev. David Shepley of Winslow, and Rev. Daniel Sewall of Paris were appointed on the Committee of Nominations, to take the place of two whose term of service closes this year.

After the calling of the roll, Conference adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 8 1-4 o'clock.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday Evening.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., of Augusta, President, in Chair.

Voluntary on the organ, and Select Piece by the Choir.—"Bow down thine ear, O Lord."

The fourteenth Chapter of John was read, and prayer offered by Rev. Sewall Tenney of Ellsworth.

Singing—Hymn 201 :

"Blest day! when our ascended Lord." (*Stonefield.*)

Sermon by Rev. Edwin B. Webb, of Augusta. Luke xxiv : 49,—And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you ; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Theme,—The Power of preaching the Gospel effectually, by the ministry, and by the laity, was the Holy Ghost.

This Divine Power not limited to the Apostles, but designed to be a permanent gift to the Church.

Whatever has been done on earth for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, has been accomplished by it. Men were the instruments, the Holy Ghost was the power. The present want of the Church,—her ministers, and laity,—is, a new baptism of the Holy Ghost. She has learning, eloquence, wealth, respectability, numbers, —enough—but she has not the *power*.

Seeking this divine power, being filled with it as were the early disciples, the results in which they rejoiced, we too, shall reap.

The closing sentence of the discourse, in which reference was made to *one* result of the gift of the Holy Ghost, in the liberality of those early Christians, in supplying the wants of the poor,—so that none lacked ;—distribution being made to every one according to their need,—led very appropriately to the annual collection in behalf of the indigent widows, and families of deceased ministers in this State, whom this organization was formed to relieve.

The amount received was, $117 00. Receipts for the year, not including this contribution, $235 00. Disbursements, $220 00. Twelve families aided.

The Choir performed a Select Piece, and the services closed with singing the Doxology, and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., *President;* Dea. S. Adams, *Vice President;* Rev. Daniel Sewall, of South Paris, *Secretary;* Rev. David Shepley, of Winslow, *Treasurer;* Solyman Heath, of Waterville, *Auditor.*

Trustees.--The President and Secretary, ex-officiis ; Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, E. Pond, E. Jones, D. Shepley, S. Tenney, I. Rogers, R. Woodhull.

First Preacher for 1858, - - - Rev. Henry D. Moore, of Portland.
Substitute, - - - - - - - " E. Whittlesey, of Bath.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24—SECOND DAY.

5 3-4 o'clock, A. M.—Prayer Meeting conducted by Rev. David Thurston, D. D. of Searsport.

Romans 8th Chapter was read.

Remarks by Rev. E. G. Carpenter, of New Castle, Rev. D. M. Mitchell, City Missionary of Roxbury, Mass., Rev. Dr. Pond, of Bangor, Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Portland, Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, Rev. D. Shepley, of Winslow, and Rev. D. Thurston.

Prayer by Rev. W. Warren, *Dis. Sec'y.* Am. Bd. C. F. M., and Dea. Geo. Downes, of Calais.

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8 1-4 o'clock, A. M.—Conference assembled according to adjournment.

The Moderator read Psalm 103.

Sung Hymn 299—"Faith—'tis a precious grace." (*Boylston.*)

Prayer by Rev. Rufus M. Sawyer, of Winthrop.

The Treasurer's Report was read, which with the Auditor's Report, was accepted.—Receipts, $176 99. Expenditures, $177 34.

Samuel Sweetser, of North Yarmouth, was re-elected Treasurer.

Rev. A. J. Bates, of Lincoln, who was delegate to the East Maine Methodist E. Church, in 1856, but who had not previously made any Report, stated that he attended the annual session at Bucksport. Some discussion was had at that meeting

ing in reference to the publication of a Book in Massachusetts, in which that denomination in their judgment, was misrepresented.

He reported what he said in reply to questions propounded to him on the subject, and read a report and resolution adopted by them, to be presented at this Session of the Conference.

This document, with a resolution adopted by the same body at its late Session in Camden, and appended to the communication from Rev. H. Houston, referred to on page 5, expressing the hope "that the prejudices of individuals in neither Church, will be permitted to affect unfavorably those relations which ought to exist between branches of the Christian Church,"—were referred, after a brief discussion, to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messsrs. S. Thurston, of Searsport, A. E. Ives of Castine, and Dr. Harris, of Bangor, to report before the final adjournment.

Adjourned to Thursday morning, at 8 1-4 o'clock.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY.

The exercises connected with the semi-centennial Anniversary of this Society, commenced at 7 o'clock, A. M., and were continued in the afternoon, and evening.

The President, Rev. WILLIAM T. DWIGHT, D. D., of Portland, read the 60th Chapter of Isaiah, and led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 505. "Arm of the Lord, awake!" (*Duke Street.*)

Dr. Dwight delivered an appropriate opening Address, in which he referred to the origin of the Society—the work it has accomplished—the need of its continued agency—our duty to cherish it as an instrumentality designed to bless the future millions of our population—and the encouragement to the work. The thirty two who gathered in Dr. Gillett's study at Hallowell, on the 18th of June, 1807, and laid the foundation of this Society, were wise and good men :—the results which have been realized through its agency during the last fifty years, proves them to have been master-builders.—(This Address is published in the *Maine Evangelist*, July 11.)

United in singing Psalm 117th, 1st Part.:

"From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the CREATOR'S praise arise." (*Old Hundred.*)

Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., of Augusta, Secretary of the Society, gave a more minute historical sketch. Glancing at some efforts made by Massachusetts, and by England and Scotland, for the spiritual benefit of the people of Maine, previous to the organization of the Society. He spoke of the meeting of June 18, 1807, as having been convened by those who wished to extend the circle of these benevolent designs. He then referred to its early officers—its first donor, and its Life Members —its terms of membership—the amount of donations, ($227,000,)—the number of Missionaries employed. (550,)—Churches aided—and other items which will be read with interest, in the annual publication of the Society.

In 1807, the number of Congregational Churches were 27. Present No. 237.

Of these 237 Churches, 200 have been aided by this Society.

Rev. David Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, a member of the Board of Trustees from its first organization in 1807, dwelt more at length upon the influence of the Society upon the pecuniary interests and morals of the State—its benefits to the donors—its agency in promoting education, and Sabbath Schools—in establishing and sustaining Christian ordinances, and its instrumentality in the conversion of souls, and the edifying of the people of God.

The work yet to be accomplished by this Society, was clearly set forth—and our duty to do it.

Rev. John Sawyer, of Bangor,—FATHER SAWYER, a veteran soldier of the Cross, one hundred and two years old, gave utterance in a voice clear, and strong, and with unimpaired mental power, to some reminiscences of the past, and to his view of the connection which this Society had to the system of means which is to bring about the time, when "the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom."

With much earnestness he made it as his last request, that we should not forget the *children*—the moral and religious training of the children, in our common schools.

Father Sawyer was employed in the State as a Missionary by a British Society, many years before the Maine Missionary Society was organized. He was one of the original founders of the latter, and has labored almost constantly in its service, until within a few years past.

Closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Dr. Shepard, of Rhode Island.

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2 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tompkins, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Treasurer of the Society John How, Esq., read his Report:—Receipts for the year $12,128,67,—all expended.

The Secretary, Dr. Tappan, stated that several letters had been received from early friends of the Society. He read those from the *oldest, viz:* Rev. Kiah Bayley, now residing in Hardwick. Vt., Rev. Jonathan Ward, Brentwood, N. H., Rev. Dr. Jenks, Boston, Mass., Rev. Enos Merrill, N. H,—together with brief extracts from the journals of Father Jotham Sewall, and other pioneer Missionaries of the Society.

He then gave a brief summary of the Report of the Society for the year past.—Eighty-nine Missionaries have been employed:—fifty-seven for one year, five for nine months and upward, twelve for six months and upward, seven for three months and upward, eight for less than three months.

One hundred and eleven *churches* have been supplied, and twenty-five places where there was *no* church.

The death of Rev. C. Gerry, G. A. Buck and W. H. Rhodes, were referred to.

Added to the churches by Profession, 175, By Letter, 64, Hopeful conversions, 275. Average number in the several congregations 10,500. Donations $2201, being *twenty per cent.* of the amount they have received. Three houses of worship completed.

A Resolution was introduced by Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, to the effect that we have abundant occasion to thank GOD, and take courage.—He added remarks, and was followed by Rev. Dr. Pomroy, Secretary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M.—who referred to some of his experience when he came to Maine, more than a quarter of a century since.

Remarks were made by Rev. W. Parker, of Belfast, Moderator of the Conference, in connection with a resolution introduced by him, expressive of sympathy with the Missionaries, and with the feeble churches.

Rev. J. C. Fletcher, late of Rio de Janeiro, who had sat under the instruction of an Alexander at the tomb of Edwards, and of D'Aubigne at the tomb of Calvin, expressed a feeling of awe at the reminiscenes of this day,—and in meeting with Fathers and brethren, of whom he had often heard, but was now rejoiced to see.

Rev. S. Harris, D. D., of the Bangor Theological Seminary, made some remarks upon a resolution which had been committed to him, reading thus:—

"That the love of Christ should constrain us to increased zeal and liberality in the cause of Home Missions."

The Speaker thought it would better express the feeling of the christian, if it were as in the original, the love of Christ *constrains us*.—He will labor for his cause not alone because he *ought*, but because he cannot do otherwise.

Rev. T. Dwight Hunt, of California, as Representative of the American Home Missionary Society, gave forcible illustrations, particularly from the State where he has been laboring since the commencement of the rapid emigration thither,—of the great importance of Home Missionary work.

United in singing Hymn 305 Temple Melodies:

"The year of Jubilee is come."—*(Lenox.)*

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Portland, spoke of the influence of the meetings of the Society, in connection with those of the Conference, in binding the churches together, in one brotherhood. For fifty years it had been as a strong chain—and he expressed the hope that not a link in it should be broken for fifty years to come.

Rev. Samuel Souther, City Missionary of Worcester, Mass., and Rev. J. R. Munsell, of North Belfast, referred to incidents in frontier life, illustrative of the character of some of the Missionaries,—of the materials they have to deal with, and to some of the encouraging results of their self-denying labors.

Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., of the Bangor Seminary, gave some reminiscenes of Rev. Paul Crouch, a pioneer Missionary.

The exercises of the afternoon were closed with Prayer, and the Benediction, by Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Portland.

EVENING.—ANNUAL SERMON.

After an Organ Voluntary. The choir of well trained voices sung a select piece

"Thou, gracious God, art my defence."—*Hummel.*

Prayer by Rev. Thomas Lightbody, of Sheffield, New Brunswick.

Singing Psalm 137. Part 4.

"I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Sermon by Rev. George B. Little, of Bangor

Text.—Luke 17: 20, 21.—"The kingdom of God cometh not with observation Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, Lo there! for behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

Theme.—The spiritual nature of the kingdom of God,—consisting not in any established church polity, or ritual services, or creeds, or philanthropic reforms, but in the spiritual life, derived from above—the breath of God in the soul.

Remarks (1.) To the work of advancing this kingdom of God, Congregational christians had some special adaptation.—(2.) The subject teaches what is the surest criterion and measure of success in the Missionary work.

The Choir sung :—

"Proclaim aloud, Jehovah reigns."—(*Beethoven.*)

The annual collection amounted to $88 16.

The services were closed with the benediction by Rev. T. Lightbody, of Sheffield, N. B.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

President—Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D. *Vice President*—Rev. J. W. Ellingwood D. D. *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*—Rev. B. Tappan, D. D., of Augusta. *Treasurer*—John How, Esq., of Portland. *Auditors*—W. D. Little and W. C. Mitchell.

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Rev. Dr. Carruthers, and Rev. E. F. Cutter were appointed a Committee to procure copies of the documents read this day before the Society, and deposite them with the Secretary. The question of publishing them was referred to the Trustees.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Harris, a vote was passed approving of the action of the Executive Committee of the Am. Home Missionary Society, in reference to withholding aid from slave-holding churches.

Place of meeting in 1858—AUGUSTA.

First Preacher, - - - -	Rev. E. G. CARPENTER, of New Castle.
Substitute, - - - -	" JOHN MALTBY, of Bangor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25—THIRD DAY.

5 3-4 o'clock, A. M.

A Prayer meeting was held, conducted by Rev. E. G. Carpenter, of New Castle The 64th chapter of Isaiah was read.—Some account of revivals was called for—the one in Calais was given by Rev. S. H. Keeler ; that in Castine by Rev. A. E. Ives ; in Boston, by Dea. Henry Hoyt ; and in New Castle, by Rev. E. G. Carpenter.

The voices of the great assembly were frequently united in songs of Praise, as on previous occasions, and Rev Messrs. John Maltby, of Bangor, and E. Jones, of Minot, led in the supplications before the Mercy Seat.

Two notes were read, requesting prayer for specific cases.

8 1-4 o'olock, A. M.—Met according to adjournment.

Sung Hymn 209 :

"Come Holy Spirit, calm each mind."—(*Rockingham.*)

Moderator read the 5th Chapter of Matthew.

Prayer by Rev. S. H. Keeler, of Calais.

Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the communication from the East Maine Methodist Conference, made the following Report :

A Preamble and Resolution, adopted by the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1856, respecting publications alleged to be unchristian and untrue in their representations of the Methodist Church, having been presented to this Conference :

Resolved, That, while we disapprove publications by individuals of either denomination that are unchristian, and uncharitable toward any branch of Christ's Church, we have no responsibility for the same; and we renew to the East Maine Conference the cordial expression of our Christian fellowship.

The Report was accepted, and the Resolution adopted.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the Resolution to the Scribe of the East Maine Conference of the M. E. Church.

Rev. D. Shepley of Winslow, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the communication from the General Convention of Vermont, respecting a union of the Minutes of the several State Congregational Conferences and Associations, reported :—

That, while there were advantages in it, yet there were difficulties in the way, which for the present, at least, could not well be overcome.

With a view, however, of considering any proposition which might be made respecting it, they would recommend that a Committee be appointed by this Conference to confer with any Committee of other Bodies, that might be chosen, on the subject.

The Report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Rev. Dr. Pond, and Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, with Rev. S. H. Hayes, of Frankfort, were constituted said Committee.

Rev. Dr. Pond, of Bangor, introduced the following Resolution, which after remarks by him, and Rev. Dr. Tappan of Augusta, was adopted.

Resolved, That this Conference approve of the recent action of the American Home Missionary Society in reference to withho'ding aid from slave-holding Churches ; that we regard such action as entirely within the province of the Society ; that we are unab'e to see wherein it interferes with any appropriate Ec clesiastical powers ; and that we hope it may be consistently sustained.

Rev. Drs. Tappan, Dwight and Chickering were appointed a Committee to receive and distribute the money that may be appropriated to MAINE, from the Congregational Building Fund—(about $500 this year.)

A Report from the Committee of Arrangements was accepted.

Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham, Chairman of the Committee of Nominations, made the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication—The Minutes are their Credentials.—Rule 13.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Fourth Tuesday of August, (25th,) 1857, at Keene.

Rev. J. B. Hadley, Primary. Rev. C. Packard, Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Third Tuesday of June, (15th,) 1858, at St. Johnsbury.

Rev. N. Chapman, Primary. Rev. J. K. Mason, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Fourth Tuesday of June, (22d,) 1858, at Dorchester.

Rev. Joseph Loring, Primary. Rev. A. E. Ives, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Third Tuesday of June, (15th,) 1858, at Norwich.

Rev. Joseph Blake, Primary. Rev. E. Whittlesey, Substitute.

EVANGELICAL CONSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES, RHODE ISLAND.

Second Tuesday of June, (8th,) 1858, at Slatersville.

Rev. Samuel Bowker, Primary. Rev. D. Cushman, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

September 22, 1857, at Poughkeepsie.

Rev. S. S. Drake, Primary. Rev. H. D. Moore, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.

Third Tuesday of May, (20th,) 1858, at Princeton.

Rev. C. A. Aiken, " H. M. Stone, } Primaries.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.

First Wednesday of June, (2d,) 1858, at Dubuque.

OHIO CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Third Tuesday of June, (15th,) 1858, a Columbus.

Rev. S. H. Merrill, " Joseph Bartlett, } Substitutes.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.

Last Tuesday of May, (25th,) 1858, at Adrian.

PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN.

First Thursday of October, (1st,) 1857, at Janesville.

Rev. L. Conklin, Primary. Rev. E. A. Buck, Substitute

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES AND MINISTERS IN KANSAS.

First Friday in October (2d,) 1857, at Manhattan.

Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., " John Maltby, " Enoch Pond, D. D, } Primaries.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.

Second Thursday in October, (8th,) 1857, at Prescott, Wis.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

October ——, 1857.

Rev. J. Drummond, " L. G. Marsh, " U. Balkham, } Substitutes.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

1858, at

Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Primary. Rev. H. K. Craig, Substitute

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.

Second Wednesday of June, (9th,) 1858, at Brentford, C. W.

Rev. Daniel Sewall, Primary. Rev. John O. Fiske, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (N. S.)

Third Thursday of May, (20th,) 1858, at Chicago, Ill.

Rev. W. Parker, Primary. Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., Substitute

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

April ——, 1858, at Farmington.

Rev. E. Jones, Primary. Rev. W. Davenport, Substitute.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

May, ——, 1858, at Bangor, (Union Street Church.)

Rev. P. B. Thayer, Primary. Rev. E. Douglass, Substitute

MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Third Tuesday of June, (15th,) 1858, at Waterville.

Rev. T. N. Lord, Primary. Rev. D. Shepley, Substitute.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Kennebec.—Fourth Wednesday of June, (23d,) 1858, at Gardiner.

Rev. M. Holman, Primary. Rev. C. Hobart, Substitute

COMMITTEES.

Home Evangelization.—Rev. Messrs. B. Tappan, D. D., W. Parker, E. G. Carpenter, F. B. Wheeler, John O. Fiske, Joseph Bartlett, G. B. Little, G. W. Cressey.

Standing of Ministers.—Rev. Drs. W. T. Dwight, E. Pond, B. Tappan, G. E. Adams and S. Thurston.

Sabbath Schools.—Rev. J. B. Wheelwright.

Publication of Minutes.—Rev. Dr. Pond, Dea. E. F. Duren, Rev. J. K. Mason.

TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

Aroostook Conference.—		Rev. A. J. Bates, of Lincoln.
Cumberland	"	Rev. C. A. Aiken, of Yarmouth.
Franklin	"	Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington.
Hancock	"	Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine.
Kennebec	"	Dea. S. K. Gilman, of Hallowell.
Lincoln and Sagadahoc		Rev. John Forbush, of Boothbay.
Oxford	"	Rev. David Garland, of Bethel.
Penobscot	"	Rev. Thomas Smith, of Brewer Village.
Piscataquis	"	Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Monson.
Somerset	"	Rev. G. W. Hathaway, of Bloomfield.
Union	"	Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Bridgton.
Waldo	"	Rev. W. Parker, of Belfast.
Washington	"	Rev. John C. Adams, of East Machias.
York	"	Rev. F. B. Wheeler, of Saco.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, (22d,) 1858, at 9 o'clock A. M., in Augusta.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Edwin B. Webb, Rev. B. Tappan, Dea. Watson F. Hallet.

PREACHERS.

Rev. H. G. Storer. Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Messrs. John Maltby, William Davenport, Sewall Tenney, David Cushman, David Shepley, Daniel Sewall.

Treasurer.—Samuel Sweetser, of North Yarmouth.

Auditor.—John McArthur, of Augusta.

United in singing Hymn 206 : "Come, Holy Spirit."—(*Turner.*)

REPORTS OF DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Thomas Shepard, D. D., of Bristol, from the Evangelical Consociation of Congregational Churches, Rhode Island. No. of Churches,—21. Ministers—17. Church Members 3264.

Rev. John Tompkins, of Marcellus, N. Y., from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.), 1677 Churches; 1574 Ministers; Communicants, 138,-760.

Rev. Wm. H. Humphrey, of Richmond, from the Maine Baptist Convention. Churches, 277; Ministers, 199; Members, 19,329.

Rev. T. Dwight Hunt, of San Francisco, from the Congregational Association of California.—Churches, 10; Ministers, 15; Members, 400.

Rev. George M. Adams, of Conway, from the General Association of Massachusetts.—Churches, 500; Ministers, 550; Members, 67,000.

Rev. A. J. Parker, of Danville (Shipville), C. E., from the Congregational Union of Canada. Churches, 77; Ministers, 64; Members, 3000.

Rev. L. Bodwell, of Topeka, from the General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Kansas. Churches, 8; Ministers, 13; Members, 115.

Rev. Thomas Lightbody, of Sheffield, N. B., stated that Rev. Robert Wilson, of Yarmouth, N. S., was appointed Delegate from the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and was expecting to be present. In his absence, Mr. L. offered the christian salutations of that body to this Conference. Churches, 15; Ministers, 8; Members, 1000.

Communications were read from Rev. Thomas Adams, of Thompson, Delegate from the Ohio General Conference, which embraces 200 churches; 157 Ministers; 14,000 Members,—from Rev. H. W. Cobb, of Prescott, Delegate from the General Conference of Minnesota, containing 12 Churches: 9 Ministers; 300 Members,—from Rev. George G. Rice, of Council Bluffs, Delegate from the General Association of Iowa, embracing 110 Churches; 80 Ministers; 3,500 Members,—and from Rev. C. F. Allen, of Farmington, Delegate from the Maine Conference of the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church, including within its limits, west of the Kennebec river, 100 Churches; 75 Ministers; 9748 Members.

[These letters are published in the Christian Mirror, July 7 and 21, and in the Maine Evangelist July 11.]

Conference adjourned to 2 1-2 o'clock, to give place to the Education Cause.

MAINE BRANCH OF AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting.

Rev. David Thurston, D.D., President.

Sung Hymn 48,—"Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord."—(*Missionary Chant.*)

Prayer by the President—who also delivered an opening address.

The Treasurer, Prof. William Smyth of Brunswick, presented his Report. Twenty-five churches in the State have contributed $609. Paid to 29 beneficiaries in the State, $2280—drawing upon the Parent Society for $1400.

The Secretary, Rev. Dr. Shepard of Bangor, read his report, which may be found on a subsequent page.

Prof. Egbert C. Smyth, of Bowdoin College, followed with remarks, showing that it is no new thing we are called upon to do. He referred to organizations which have existed in various ages and countries, to provide the means of educating young men. The necessity for such aid, and the perseverance and self-denial with which many are now pursuing the work of preparation for the ministry were also presented.

Rev. Horace James of Worcester, Mass., spoke of the dedication of our children to Christ, and to the work of the ministry,—Pastors could do much to secure it. Parents had great encouragement to do it.

Rev. Dr. Carruthers of Portland illustrated the truth, that nothing is lost, but much gained, in making sacrifices for Christ and his cause,—in the experience of a poor family in Canada. A son, on whom they seemed wholly dependent, became pious. They gave him up to Christ, and he is now the Wardlaw of that Province. The father prospered in business, and the children now occupy desirable positions in the world, and are disciples of the Saviour.

Rev. Drs. Pomroy, Pond, and Tappan referred to the wants of the home and foreign field—and to the intimate connection between this society and missions, and every other good work.

The services were closed with the Doxology, and with the Benediction by Rev. D. Shepley of Winslow.

Officers Elected.—Rev. D. Thurston, D.D., *President;* Rev. E. Pond, D.D., *Vice President;* Rev. Geo. Shepard, D.D., of Bangor, *Secretary;* Rev. Prof. Wm. Smyth of Brunswick, *Treasurer;* the President and Secretary, ex-off., Rev. Messrs. D. Shepley, B. Tappan, D.D., and Prof. A. S. Packard, *Directors.*

Thursday afternoon, 2 1-2 o'clock.

The Committee having made arrangements to devote an hour to SABBATH

SCHOOLS, the Conference now opened its arms to receive the lambs of the flock, and they were gathered to its bosom.

They came in from the vestry, through the beautiful grassy and shaded walks around the church, and as they came up the aisle to the seats and places reserved for them, they sung

"We come, we come, with loud acclaim,
To sing the praise of Jesus' name,—
And make the vaulted temple ring
With loud hosannahs to our King."

The spacious house was crowded in every part, with members of the Conference, parents, and children, and friends;—from the patriarch of a hundred and two years, to the infant of three summers.

The Moderator read the Parable of the Sower, from the fourth chapter of Mark.

Rev. Dr. Adams of Brunswick led in prayer.

Father Sawyer then rose, and putting his hand upon the Bible, lying upon the table, he said,—This is the BOOK—the best of Books—the Book to be kept—the Book to be taught—the Book to be read and studied—the Book to be loved and obeyed—the Book to guide us on earth, and lead us to Heaven.

After dwelling upon these thoughts awhile, he repeated with thrilling effect the verse,—

"How shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts,
To keep the conscience clean."

He then counseled the children not to neglect their souls,—to remember their Creator in the days of their youth,—assuring them if they loved him, he would love them,—that all the benefits God could bestow they would receive,—they would become his adopted sons and daughters,—and all his benevolence, his wisdom, his power, with all his other glorious attributes, were engaged for them. They would have also the care and attention of his angels, to guard and bless them here, and carry them to his abode in Heaven, where they would share in the blessedness of the redeemed, and be permitted to behold the face of God forever and forever.

Rev. Samuel Souther, Committee of Conference on Sabbath Schools, made a brief verbal report. No public notice had been given for the returns from the several Conferences, and but little could be communicated beyond that which would be included in the Report from the Churches. He expressed his pleasure in noticing the progress of the Sabbath School interest, within the Conference.

Referring to the words and scenes of this day, he closed with an appropriate story, illustrative of the power of impression.

Rev. I. P. Langworthy, of Massachusetts, gave an illustration of the benefit of reading and committing to memory the Bible,—and counselled the children to pray, as well as to read and love the Bible. He recommended beside the Lord's Prayer, wo short prayers which a Scotchman once directed a little girl to use:—the first, 'Lord; show me *my*-self'; the second, "Lord, show me *thy*-self."

The children sung, led as before by Mr. Henry A. Hyde, of Bath :—

"The Star of Bethlehem."

Rev. Asa Bullard, Secretary of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, spoke of the power of kindness and love,—how it brings blessings to all ;—of the beauty of piety in children, and of the regard which all ought to cherish for them.

Rev. J. C. Fletcher, lately Seamen's Chaplain at Rio, and now appointed Agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society in Maine, gave a hearty greeting to the children, and talked about Sabbath Schools in other lands and in other languages. He related an incident illustrative of the efficacy of prayer, and of the power of religion — in the conversion of a prodigal son.

A Hymn in honor of the Saviour was sung :—

"Well may thy praise be sung,
By every youthful tongue,
On this glad day."

Rev. S. L. Hobbs, a Missionary to the Choctaws, sung a verse of a Hymn in the Choctaw language, and asked for copies of the Hymns which had been sung this afternoon, to teach the Choctaw children.

A recess of ten minutes was had, to allow the children to retire, and on resuming the session, the Congregation united in singing Hymn 139 :—

"All hail, the Great Immanuel's name."—(*Coronation.*)

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, from the Committee to visit the Bangor Theological Seminary, made a Report, which was accepted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Sung Psalm 117, pt. 1 :—

"From all that dwell below the skies."—(*Old Hundred.*)

The Report of the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, on the STATE OF THE CHURCHES, prepared in his absence by Rev. J. K. Mason, of Hampden, was read by Rev. G. B. Little, of Bangor. (Mr. Mason having been unexpectedly detained, by sickness and death in his Parish.)

The Report was accepted and directed to be published with the Minutes, under the direction of the Publishing Committee, who were authorized to make such additions or alterations as might be necessary to render it as complete as possible.—Some of the returns coming in too late for incorporation in the reading, and some Churches having made no report.

Remarks suggested by the Report, were made by Rev. E. G. Carpenter, of New Castle, Rev. J. R. Adams, of Gorham, and Rev. L. Conklin, of Freeport.

The topics chiefly dwelt upon were,—feeling our need of Christ, and clinging to him,—Home Evangelization,—lay agency and itineracy,—woman's influence,—the value of prayer to ministers,—the causes for thanksgiving, especially for the quickening and refreshing influences of the Holy Spirit, with which so many of the Churches have been visited.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the exercises for the evening, and the following day.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Pomroy, of Boston.

After the calling of the roll,

Voted, To adjourn; adjourned accordingly.

Evening.—The Choir performed a Select Piece :

"In all thy ways trust thou the Lord."

Psalm 119: 1—16, was read by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Aaron C. Adams, of Malden, Mass.

After some remarks from Rev. E. J. Parker, of Canada, and Rev. T. Lightbody, of Sheffield, N. B., a Hymn was sung by the Choir :

"Ye earthly vanities depart."

The subject of amusements was then introduced by Rev. Dr. Dwight, of Portland.

The Speaker defined amusements as recreation, coveted and enjoyed for itself alone.

These vary in different nations. Some, but not the most vulgar, we have imported from the old world,—as the theater, games of chance, balls, and dancing, —as a preparation for balls.

It was for the christian, and those who respect the religion of the Gospel, to judge whether such amusements were innocent, and healthful, and reasonable. Nothing should be done simply for amusement's sake, but all for the glory of God. *Duty*, is the law for the christian,—not pleasure.

Enlarging more particularly upon the theater, he glanced at its history, the character of the actors, the plays, the audience,—and contended that it was no place for the christian, or any who have a regard for the best interests of man.

That a disciple of Christ should attend,—to give character to the place; or that a young man should go, that his morals, or his intellect might be improved, was shown to be preposterous!

Rev. U. Balkam of Lewiston, followed with remarks upon the same subject.

He considered it important that there should be some relaxation from our cares, and musings. Of what sort it should be, he would not specify; but something that was lawful,—not destructive and consuming to bodily and mental strength—not perilous, and leading into temptation,—however promising and beautiful,—as balls, and the theater.

After prayer by Rev. David Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, the choir sung:

"God of morning and of evening."

The Committee of Arrangements reported the exercises of the morrow, and the services were closed with the Benediction by Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26—FOURTH DAY.

5 3-4 *o'clock.*—Prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., of Searsport.

Rev. N. Chapman of Pittston, Rev. D. Sewall of S. Paris, Rev. E. J. Parker of Canada, and Rev. J. G. Merrill of Rumford led in Prayer, and Remarks were in-

terspersed by Rev. Messrs. B. Tappan, and E. B. Webb of Augusta, D. Thurston of Searsport, E. Whittlesey of Bath, J. J. Carruthers of Portland, J. Q. Peabody of Fryeburg, S. Souther of Worcester, Mass., and Deacons S. Adams of Castine, and John How of Portland.

Accounts of the revival in Augusta, and Fryeburg, and of christian efforts in Gorham, N. H., under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of Portland, were narrated.

Rev. S. Souther, who has been called to Worcester, Mass., as City Missionary, gave a parting word to the churches and ministers of Maine, thanking them for all their efforts in behalf of the cause of Sabbath Schools, for which he had labored for several years in the State,—and for their kindness and forbearance towards him personally.

Rev. E. Whittlesey, Pastor of the church, where we were assembled, expressed his thanks, and those of the ministers and people of Bath, for the attendance of so many christian friends,—his earnest desire that a blessing might follow this meeting of the Conference, and that they might continue to be remembered in their prayers.

"Rise, O my soul,"—was sung as the closing Hymn (589.)

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8 1-4 *o'clock.* Conference re-assembled.

The Moderator read Psalm 126.

United in singing Hymn 207:

"Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove."—(*Ward.*)

Prayer by Rev. G. W. Cressey of Buxton.

The General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers in Kansas, The General Conference of Minnesota, and The Congregational Association of California, having through their Delegates asked for a friendly, and christian intercourse, and correspondence with us,

It was on motion of Dr. Tappan,

Voted, That we reciprocate their expressions of fellowship, and greet them as brethren:—and that we appoint Delegates to attend their Annual meetings.

Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then reported the names of Delegates to their next meetings. They are inserted on page 14, with the Delegates to other corresponding Bodies.

Rev. I. P. Langworthy presented the claims of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. L. Bodwell, of Kansas, a representative from the youngest of the Congregational Associations, plead for the sympathy and prayers of the people of God, in behalf of the Churches gathered in that new and distant territory.

The Committee of Arrangments here gave an opportunity for the representatives of any Society who might be present, and whom the Conference would wish to hear, to occupy twenty minutes.

A note was read from Rev. A. Bullard, the Secretary of the Mass. S. S. Society, stating that they were ready to aid the Churches in Maine, in establishing and sus-

taining Sabbath Schools. Any schools that *need* charitable aid, that will remit to the Society $5, shall receive $10 worth of Books.

Dr. Tappan, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, referred to a subject which had been suggested yesterday, in reference to the provision made for Home and Foreign Missionaries. The Prudential Committee must necessarily assume the whole support of the latter, while the Home Society can only provide *in part*, for their Missionaries. Their engagements with them are always fulfilled; and if they do not receive a competent support, the *people* have a duty to perform towards them.

He also referred to the pressing need of funds to sustain the Maine Missionary Society. The rejoicings of our jubilee anniversary, were mingled with some anxieties for the future, in reference to this point.

Rev. John R. Adams of Gorham, commended the pecuniary, moral and religious, interests of BOWDOIN COLLEGE to the prayers and sympathies of the Churches. It was begun in prayer, and for it, we should not cease to offer up our supplications.

Rev. John O. Fiske of Bath, referred to the effort making by the Ladies, for the SEMINARY CHAPEL at Bangor, and hoped there would be a generous response to the appeal in its behalf.

On motion of Dr. Harris, of Bangor,—

The Sixteenth article of the Constitution of Conference was amended, so that it should read thus:—

Article 16. The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as Conference may appoint.

The reason for the amendment, is found in the fact that in celebrating the Lord's supper, at the *close* of the session, as provided by the constitution heretofore, the profit and comfort of the ordinance was often interrupted by anxieties in reference to meeting seasonably the cars, and other means of conveyance home. The alteration adopted, allows the ordinance to be celebrated in such cases, at a more appropriate time.

CLOSING SERVICES.

United in singing Hymn 299:—

"Faith—'tis a precious grace."—*(Olmutz.)*

Rev. John McKillican of Martin Town, Canada West, read the sixty-seventh Psalm, and led in Prayer.

Sung Hymn 380:—

"Stand up, my soul—shake off thy fears."—*(Missionary Chant.)*

Conference sermon by Rev. Samuel Harris, D. D., of Bangor Theological Seminary. 2 Timothy 4: 6, 7, 8—"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Here is, 1. The repose of an assured faith.—2. Of a will submissive to God.—3. Of a consciousness of a work finished.—4. Of an assured hope of acceptance with

God. Such a state is attainable by us—but it is to be wrought out as Paul's,—by fighting the good fight,—by keeping the faith,—by trials, by struggles, by anguish, by holy living, and dying. Often while the soul is suffering, it is growing,—the passage through darkness, is a passage into light. It is the privilege of the christian, to go from strength to strength.

In the observance of the Lord's Supper, Prayer and Remarks were offered by Rev. Caleb Hobart of North Yarmouth, and Rev. Dr. Shepard, Delegate from Rhode Island.

The elements were presented by them, and distributed by Deacs. Adams of Castine, Drummond of Bangor, Hyde of Bath, Sewall of Edgecomb, Gilman of Hallowell, Storer of Portland, and Webb, of Waldoboro'.

During this time, the Choir sung twice.

1. "'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow."
2. "Beyond where Cedron's waters flow."

The annual collection was taken, amounting to $86 01.

Conference united in singing 366th Hymn.—Verses 4, 5, 6.

"When we are called to part."

Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, offered the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be presented to this Church and people, and to other kind friends in this city, who with such generous hospitality have opened their hearts and houses for the entertainment of the members of this Conference, and of other christian friends who have come up to these holy convocations ;—also, to the Choir of singers who have added so much to the interest of the occasion,—to the Kennebec and Portland, and Somerset and Kennebec Rail Road Companies, for facilities afforded by them, in the conveyance to this city,—and to the Young Men's Christian Association of Bath, for their kind attentions.

The Moderator in putting the Resolution to vote, said that hundreds of hearts, if not voices, would respond to this declaration of the kind reception they had received.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Rev. E. Whittlesey, Pastor of the Church, expressed the cheerfulness with which all had been done in preparation for the occasion, and in the reception of their friends and guests. They were glad of the opportunity of doing it,—of manifesting even in this way, their regard for the cause and the people of God.

There was only time to bid all an affectionate *farewell*,—in hope of meeting again where no farewell word ever shall be spoken.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Walter Clark, D. D., of Hartford, Conn. —and the Conference adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of June, 1858, at 9 o'clock, A. M., in the city of Augusta.

E. F. DUREN, *Recording Secretary.*

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

Having been requested by your Corresponding Secretary, should *he* not return from his mission to the Churches of the "Great West" before the time of our Annual meeting, to present a Substitute for his Report, the following is respectfully submitted.

To the Great Head of the Church we have cause to offer special thanks, that, through all the vicissitudes, and exposures of another Conference year, he has brought us safely, and permitted so many from our widely extended field to gather in this beautiful city, to enjoy the generous hospitality of many of its Christian families—form *new* links of friendship, and strengthen *old* ones—talk about Zion—her desolations and her rich fields of beauty—her present state, and future prospects, and pray together for enlargement and perfection; to enjoy intellectual and spiritual repasts—strengthen each other in resolution—stimulate to more faith and hope; again to *return*, girded anew for activity and conflict. With *some* God has dealt in peculiar *Mercy*, with *others*, in only ordinary. Some he has surrounded with light, and filled with joy. From others he has hid his face, and left them to mourn. Still, great has been his grace to us *all*, and to the Churches we represent. Some revivals of great interest, have been enjoyed, and mercy drops have fallen in almost every part of our field. Harmony has prevailed—the gospel has been preached in as much plainness, and purity, and in as many places as formerly. The *conviction* has been growing, that Maine is a field for present *work*, and *future* glorious *experiences*. Some Churches, it is true, have been depleted and weakened, while others have been increased and strengthened. Though all the families in our Congregational Union have not been equally blessed, yet, let us cherish our love the more ardently; and while we mourn with them that mourn, and rejoice with them that rejoice, unitedly consecrate ourselves to him who died, and lives again, for us.

THE AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE was fitly described last year, as a "Conference in the wilderness; without a single settled pastor." Its Churches are scattered in a vast area; but few of their members ever coming in so close contact as to impart to each other any spiritual warmth. To *live* and *grow* they must be eminently *self*-reliant as it respects their fellow *disciples*—peculiarly *trusting* and *dependent*, in respect to Christ. The Report of this Conference is in every way imperfect; owing perhaps, in part, to the fact that the Annual meeting has been postponed to a day subsequent to this—that the services may be held in connection with the Dedication of a New House of Worship at Springfield. The Conference, numbers Eleven Churches; some of which have hardly "a *name* to live." This is true of that at Monticello, from which no report has been made to the County Conference for several years. The Churches of Letter F, and Passadumkeag, are in a similar condition; and, that at Houlton, for several years, has been approximating it. These were once bright spots—little oases in the wilderness. Sad, indeed, is the work of recording their fading light and beauty. More saddening still is the *fact*. Yet there is hope for Aroostook. The true leaven is there. There is some faith—some prayer—some holy living—some faithful preaching. No revival is reported during the year. Twelve have been gathered into the Church at Burlington, a part of the fruits of the revival in the Spring of '56. The pastor of this Church has been dismissed greatly to the regret of his flock, and of his brethren in the ministry. In the Conference there are now but four ministers, with pastoral charge, (*none* of these being settled pastors,) and one, Rev. M. R. Keep, who labors at No. 11 and vicinity, where there is no Church. Fifteen have been added to the members of the Churches, one removed—whole number approximately reached, by the aid of the last year's Minutes, 162, a gain of 13.

CUMBERLAND, is the largest local Conference in our State, embracing 35 churches: Union church, Portland having been added during the past year. There are within its limits, fifty-one ministers; twenty-seven of whom are Pastors, and six acting as "stated supplies." Two revivals are reported, one in North Yarmouth, the other in New Gloucester, both of great interest. Spiritual apathy and dearth are too general.—*Some* are beginning to realize their condition, and to sigh for the quickening and enlargement of Zion. The Holy Ghost has wrought gently in some other Congregations than the before named, and a few have passed from death unto life. To the Churches, one hundred and eight have been added by profession, and sixty-eight by letter: total of membership 3880—an increase of 68 during the year. The Union

Church, Portland, added to the Conference during the year, organized in 1856, with 33 members—present number 103. State Street Church has lost its Pastor.—Preliminary steps have been taken for forming a *second Congregational Church at South Freeport, where a House of Worship has been completed during the year, and meetings have been held and well attended for the last nine months. There has been a good degree of religious prosperity in BOWDOIN COLLEGE. The voluntary attendance on the instructions of the Collin's Professor, has been better than in any preceding year. There have been some ten or twelve hopeful conversions. About one-third of the whole number of students are professedly pious: and it is thought there have never been more decided manifestations among them of the religious life, and that their influence in the College has never been more efficient for good.

TO THE CHURCHES OF FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, seven are reported as having been received by profession, and six by letter. There are thirteen Churches, comprising a membership of 602 connected with this body. There has been no general religious awakening in connection with any of these Churches. There have been several cases of hopeful conversion at Temple and at Wilton. The Church at the latter place expect soon to have completed a new House of Worship. In the former town, amongst the converts was one who had reached the age of 92 years—"a case of *decided interest and hope*." God had waited long, but the soul found Him not *wholly* wearied, though even the eleventh hour was nearly spent. There are eight ministers connected with this Conference—five of whom are Pastors, and three labor as "stated supplies." Several of the Churches have no preaching at present, though some are hoping to remedy this want soon. They are feeble, but are blessed with the growing consciousness, that, in earnest, desperate *struggling*, there is hope.—God watches such to bless. Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington has entered upon the 32d year of his ministry there.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE. Two Revivals are reported within its limits, one in Castine, the other at Bluehill. These were marked for the gentle and quiet movings of the Spirit. Many of the converts were members of the Sabbath School. The work in Castine "was preceded and accompanied by a spirit of prayer by God's children. There was union in the Church and an active co-operation of its members. To an unusual degree there was an absence of excitement—all was calm though deeply earnest. About forty are hopeful subjects of the work; two-thirds of whom are members of the S. School. One pastor, Rev. H. S. Loring, was dismissed Sept. 17, 1856. Four Pastors remain at their posts, one of whom has nearly closed the 27th year of his pastorate with the same Church. The other three have been settled since Sept. 1850. There are six other ministers acting as "stated supplies," making eleven in all: *Two* of the twelve Churches are without any preaching. A House of Worship has been erected on the "outermost Island in the Bay," and dedicated to God, and a new Church organized, called the "Evangelical Church of the Isle au Haut." *There*, the gospel has taken its stand, not only to save the inhabitants of the Isles, but as if saying to the mariner *outward bound*, I shall *follow*, and *go with* you, to recover, or shield and bless you, until the last point of your probation is lost sight of, and left; and to hail the *home*-returning, with words of hope and of love; telling of a peaceful port, a land of rest—and a home which no changes shall endanger, or imperfections mar. The Church, there, is formed on the principle of a broad charity, and, though weak in members, is strong in faith, and abundant in *work*. To the Churches of this Conference 26 have been added by profession, and three by letter—total of members 848.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, reports an increase of members of 15—present number being 1079; having added during the year, 51. It has 17 Churches, and 11 ministers. Several of the Churches have been refreshed; among which are those in Augusta and Vassalboro'. With the former the work was "gentle, and prolonged." In the latter place it proceeded with more signs of power. Religion was low. They had been without stated preaching for some time. They completed repairing their House of Worship about the last of Dec. They then felt an increased interest to have the gospel, and that God would visit them with special grace. The services of Mr. Fay, of Bangor Theological Seminary, were secured for a time. The word was blessed; Christians were quickened—backsliders reclaimed—a considerable number of the impenitent were converted. The Church in Richmond has also

* A Church has since been constituted, July 9.

been favored with special interest. They have erected a commodious House of Worship within the year. The church in Litchfield has decided to become self-supporting. At Winthrop $4000 and more, have been expended in remodeling, and repairing the "Old Meeting House," where the venerable "*Father* Thurston," "who will not be called Doctor," proclaimed the gospel with characteristic clearness and fidelity for so many years. A House has been built and dedicated to God in Monmouth.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.—During the past year there are reported from the churches in this Conference twelve hopeful conversions in Bath, Winter St; eight do., in Bath, Central St; twenty-three do. in Newcastle, 2d; fourteen do. in Rockland; several in Thomaston; besides one or two each, in two or three other churches.

The interest continues undiminished in the churches in Rockland, and Bath Central, and Thomaston.

The work was of a very powerful and surprising character in Newcastle, coming in upon a season of great religious darkness and despondency.

In some of the churches there is a conviction of serious evil arising from the neglect of proper church discipline.

Rev. Charles Burnham, who was the stated supply at Weeks Street Chapel in Bath, removed from the State last October. Preaching was enjoyed by them during the winter, principally from Rev. Chas. Dame. The chapel is now closed. It is hoped that, in more favorable times, it will be reopened.

Rev. H. S. Loring preaches in Lisbon one-fourth of the time.

Rev. Harvey M. Stone has removed from Waldoboro' to become pastor of the church in Gardiner.

The church in Bremen, Bristol 1st, Jefferson, Newcastle 1st, Phipsburg, Union, Waldoboro' 1st and 2d, and Washington are now destitute of pastors, and stated supplies. The 1st church in Waldoboro' will, without doubt, maintain uninterrupted the institutions of the gospel, and in due time obtain a pastor.

Rev. Daniel F. Potter has removed from Union, and is now preaching in Topsham.

Rev. John Q. Peabody has removed from Topsham, and become pastor of the church in Fryeburg.

There are *ten pastors* in the Conference, and *six* stated supplies.

Number of churches, *twenty-five.*

Number of additions by profession *thirty-one*, whole number *nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.*

The Reporter writes, we are humbled to be obliged to report so few accessions, and an apparent decrease on the whole from last year of *forty-one.*

The revival referred to at Newcastle, connected with the church and society over which Rev. E. G. Carpenter is pastor, had one or two features of peculiar interest. Until April 1st, the pastor writes, "the state of religion was lamentably low among us. The church slept, and the enemy was busy in sowing tares. Impiety abounded. The bonds of morality seemed to be relaxed, and the unconverted gave themselves up to social amusements and dissipation as if they had adopted the old maxim,—"Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die."

After seasons of fasting and prayer by the church, and a series of awakening sermons, during which the darkness grew denser, and God's face seemed hidden from them, and they begun to feel quite forsaken—and "could do nothing but weep over the desolations of Zion, and *cry* to God for *help*," about the middle of April some tokens of mercy appeared. The Lord turned the captivity. The Holy Ghost descended with power, quickening the church, reclaiming backsliders, and converting sinners. More than twenty were delivered from their sins, and began the new song which God put into their mouth.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.—As the Aroostook was fitly described, "a Conference in the wilderness," this may, as appropriately, be named, the Conference among the mountains. It has cost many an earnest, unyielding effort, baptized by prayer, to plant and sustain the churches comprised within its limits; but the work was blessed, and the revenue, to present and future generations, is, and *will be*, great. Those mountain slopes and fertile valleys, beginning to teem with a numerous population, are fit places in which for the institutions of the Gospel to gain a strong hold, shed their genial influence, mould character, and exhibit present and living examples of the staidness of true Puritanism, the strength of brotherly affection, and the simplicity of faith. These churches are neither strong in num-

bers, nor in wealth. There are thirteen of them, with a membership of 779. *Fifty-five* have been added by profession, and *fourteen* by letter, during the year: twenty-seven of these to the church in Turner, and eleven to the church in Sumner, as a part of the fruit of previous revivals.

The ministers of the Conference, of whom there are five pastors and six laboring as stated supplies, with *one exception*, have all remained in their fields, laboring as God has given them strength, and rejoicing as he hath prospered them. There has been no general work of grace, yet most of the churches have received some accessions. "During the last winter the church in Oxford enjoyed an unusual degree of religious interest, which has greatly tended to strengthen the things that remain."

Outward prosperity, is general, in the Conference. Houses of worship have been completed in Sumner and Turner—old ones repaired in Dixfield and Norway; and, at South Paris, the salary of the pastor has been increased. "Some of the churches on which there has fallen but little rain or dew for these many years, says the Report, think they see in the distance, clouds which give promise of coming blessings."

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE contains the names of *Seventeen* churches on its list, two of which have scarcely any but non-resident members, and are struck from the total of membership, which will account for the apparent *decrease*, and a part of the discrepancy between this and the last year's report. Seven of these churches, only, have settled pastors. One of these, Rev. Wellington Newell of East Orrington, has been settled during the past year. Rev. Geo. W. Field has been released from his pastorate in Brewer, to assume that of the Salem st. church in Boston. Two are supplied by ministers laboring with them *as* pastors. Three others by the Professors of the Theological Seminary, and most of the others, occasionally, or statedly, by licentiate students.

Several of the churches have been favored with the Spirit's influences and power. This has been specially true of the several churches in Bangor, Orono, and Hampden. In Hampden the work has been more general and powerful than has been experienced for many years. Some twenty-five have expressed hope. Others, who had been interested, to some extent, in former years, but whose light had shone dimly, if at all, had their feet set in a large place. The church was greatly quickened. The work was slow in its progress, commencing with the New Year, and, until within a few weeks, abating very little in interest.

There were also several conversions in connection with the Baptists, and more than fifty are reported among the Methodists. But there is a great work to be wrought there yet, or the multitudes will perish. At Orono the work, in connection with the Congregational church was nearly as great, though covering much less time. In Bangor, with three churches, the refreshing has been less marked, the great body of professors having been less revived, while they number some sixty or seventy conversions in all, during the year.

This conference has lost much of its strength, during the last few years, by Western emigration. Present number of members 1393.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE includes twelve churches, and five ministers, of whom three are Pastors. These churches are feeble; and are constantly diminishing in numbers and strength, by death and emigration. Rev. Wooster Parker has been dismissed from the church in Foxcroft and Dover, and inducted into the Pastorate of the First Congregational Church in Belfast. But one of the churches has been blessed with considerable religious interest during the year; that in Brownville, where christians have been greatly quickened and encouraged, and some thirteen young persons converted. There is a feeling of despondency among some of these churches; but many of the individual members, in most, are hopeful and determined, to do what they can, relying on the promise, that such "shall reap if they faint not." Sabbath Schools are prosperous. The cause of Temperance wanes. Twenty-eight have been added, giving a total of membership of 559—137 of whom are non-residents.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE has thirteen churches, excepting the one at Athens, whose real existence has been doubtful for several years, and is now dropped from the Scribe's Report, ten ministers, only three of whom are Pastors; and a membership of 596. Thirty-three have been added by profession during the year; *all*, to three churches, viz: eleven to the church in Anson; 15 to the church in Madison, and seven to the church in Norridgewock. No special religious interest is

reported, except in Anson, where there has been a very precious refreshing from the Lord, and some twenty, it is confidently hoped, have passed from death unto life. A few conversions, isolated cases, yet not overlooked by the Great Head, have occurred elsewhere, from which encouragement is taken that God has not forsaken those places of his heritage. The only surviving member of the original church in Bloomfield, is a female 95 years old.

UNION CONFERENCE has thirteen churches, three of which, viz: Brownfield, Denmark, and Hiram, are without the stated ministrations of the Gospel. *Five* of them have Pastors, and *five* "stated supplies." There are nine ministers in the Conference; one of them, Rev. John Dodd, preaching alternately at North Bridgton and Harrison. Rev. David Gerry, of Brownfield, a faithful and devoted minister of the New Testament, left his field of toil and weariness, in Nov. last, and entered into his rest. Bro. Gerry's was a varied life, yet in a high degree, useful. *Once* a stone-cutter, then a *merchant—then* converted, and called of God to the double duty of using the hammer of his word, in fitting *lively stones* for the Spiritual Temple, and dealing in the *merchandise* of *true wisdom*, which he found *more profitable than gold*. The *rest* of such a man is blessed.

The state of religion in most of the churches is low. But little of the Spirit's reviving influence has been experienced, except in one instance.—A man has been found and settled in Fryeburg. Rev. John Q. Peabody was ordained as Pastor, in December. He found on entering his field that the Divine Spirit had anticipated him. Some were beginning to inquire the way of life. Thirty, or more, have hoped in God since the commencement of his pastorate. And the Spirit is still there. This fact, by the grace of God, prepared the members of the Conference, as they assembled there during the last week, for a most delightful season.—Numbers added during the year 19; deceased 20; dismissed 23; excommunicated 5; total of membership 984.

WALDO CONFERENCE. It will be seen, by referring to the tables, that the number added to the churches of this Conference, *twenty-one*, is one less than the removals; while the total of members is reported *twenty* less than last year. As this Report was apparently made with peculiar care, the loss is unquestionably to find an explanation in the corrections, made by the churches, of their list of members. The Scribe proceeds to say, that "the church in Jackson and Brooks has been refreshed, and its members have rejoiced over some fifteen hopeful converts."

There has been some interest in Searsport, but no extensive *revival* in connection with any other of the churches. Many adverse and distracting influences are complained of. Several changes in the members are named. Rev. E. G. Cutter has been dismissed and Rev. Wooster Parker installed as Pastor of the First Congregational church in Belfast. Rev. A. L. Skinner has removed from Rockport, and Rev. J. E. M. Wright received and accepted a call to the pastorate of that people, and has already commenced his labors among them.

Rev. B. C. Chase has resigned his pastorate with the church in Camden, and asked for his dismission, "on account of ill health." Rev. J. R French, who had Commenced an earnest work at Sandy Point, Prospect, was called away by death, in March last. The Report closes by saying, that "on the whole, for the churches in this Conference, it is regarded as a day of darkness and discouragement. The Conference comprises *thirteen* churches—*seven* ministers, five of whom are pastors, and a total of members of 791.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, which reported at the last State meeting "eleven ministers laboring with the churches comprised within its limits, now has but *nine*, Rev. J. H. Stearns of Dennysville, much to the regret of his brethren, having been dismissed to become pastor of the Congregational church in Epping, N. H. Rev. S. O. Hosmer was ordained in November in Eastport, as an Evangelist, and is now laboring there "with acceptance and success." *Four* only of the nine ministers remaining in the Conference are pastors. Five are acting as stated supplies for six of the *eighteen* churches of which it is composed.

There have been *forty-four* admissions to membership, and *thirty-seven* removals —present number 1129. A special work of grace has been enjoyed at Calais. It was a work of great interest and power. The report says, "Of all who have attended their meetings (referring to meetings held at the house of the Pastor,) over *forty* have expressed the christian hope. There was hardly a Tuesday evening for several weeks, in which some did not speak of having found peace in believing, either on that evening or previously, and elsewhere. There was one evening that

will long be remembered by those present, as peculiarly signalized by the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. As the Pastor questioned each at the close of the meeting with reference to their spiritual state, he found several new cases of hope. When asked how long since they had submitted to Christ, one said "during the present hour." Another replied, "during the present meeting,"—a third, fourth and fifth, made a like response, until it *seemed that we were sitting, indeed and in truth, at the very gate of Heaven!*"

More than thirty of these conversions were in the Sabbath School. The Report concludes :—"Our Methodist and Baptist brethren shared largely in the progress and results of the general work. The whole number of those who have expressed hope in the community is probably not far from *one hundred and thirty or forty.*— To the Great Head of the Church be all the praise.

YORK CONFERENCE. In some of the churches the Spirit has been present—souls have been converted and christians quickened. This is specially true of the church in Limington, where also a Pastor has recently been ordained, Rev. John Parsons. Rev. Alfred Emerson was installed over the church in South Berwick in February. Union Congregational church in Kennebunk, is about to lose its Pastor, Rev. Mr. WILCOX, who goes to the Bethesda church, in Reading, Mass. Rev. S. M. Gould has been dismissed from the pastorate of the 2d church in Biddeford, and has gathered a new congregation, in connection with which a new church may eventually be organized. This Conference, older in many of its constituent parts, than any other in the State comprises twenty-six churches—has laboring within its limits twelve Pastors, and nine as stated supplies. There have been forty-two additions, and fifty-four removals. Present number of members 2065.

From this abstract it will be seen that *all* the accuracy desirable, is not yet attained; (the time for *doing duty promptly*, by Clerks of churches, and Scribes of Conferences, not having *fully* come.) From it we learn that we have fourteen Conferences, to which have been added *two* newly organized churches, during the year. To the churches which have reported seasonably for these Minutes, there have been added by profession 461, and 246 by letter. 268 have deceased; 302 have been dismissed; 28 have been excommunicated; leaving a net gain of 86 though the aggregate of membership, at present, 16,765—is 21 less than last year. But when it is seen that 276 *less* of these are *non-residents*, it will not be difficult to understand that this deficiency, in appearance, is to be sought in the corrections of the lists of church-membership. Similar discrepancies will unavoidably appear, until these lists shall have been thoroughly expurgated.

In our field are 168 ministers laboring as Pastors or "stated supplies," two more than given in the last Report. Six ministers have gone from the State; Two have died, and one or two have retired, for the present, from active service. Several of the churches have been blessed with very precious revivals, numbering, at a moderate estimate, 300 converts; while many others report cases of interest and hope. But few of these have yet made a public profession of their faith, which, probably, most of them will do in a few months.

Thus is completed another year of our Conference life. Let God have the gratitude due Him for the mercy he has shown us. Let Him be sought with penitence for our personal remissness; and may *we* have grace so to renew, and prosecute our work for the opening year, that its close shall attest an unprecedented enlargement of our beloved Zion.

J. K. MASON.
For *the* Cor. Sec., Rev. S. H. HAYES.

Hampden, June 25, 1857.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

REV. JOSIAH TUCKER, died in Taunton, Mass., Sept. 9, 1856, aged 65 years. His native place was Milton, Mass. He made a profession of religion at the age of 19, during the ministry of Rev. Dr. Samuel Gill, of Milton. Possessed with an ardent desire to become a missionary to the heathen, Providence for a long time prevented the commencement of his studies. At 28 he entered the Theo. Seminary at Andover. Upon the completion of his studies, he entered the service of the Maine Missionary Society, and commenced his labors at Madison. His labors were soon followed by a powerful revival of religion, which led to the formation of a

church over which he was settled as Pastor, May 10, 1826, and where he continued about 16 years. He afterwards removed to Bingham, thence to Ervingsville, in Orange, Mass. His labors in each place were signally blessed. In 1844, he returned to his former field of labor, the Missionary work in Maine, in the employ of the M. M. S., and as Colporteur of the Am. Tract Society. His mental powers failing, he removed in 1852, with his family, to Taunton, Mass., where he preached occasionally as he was able. His disease, epilepsy, assumed the form of a species of insanity, and he resorted to the State Hospital for treatment. He sank gradually, until released from his earthly tabernacle.

He will be remembered in the region of his labors as he was in his vigor, strong in faith, simple and ardent in the love of Christ, and untiring in the work of bringing wanderers to the Redeemer. Few have been more devoted in this world, and few will be welcomed as a spiritual father by more children in the kingdom of Heaven. He was Pastor of three different churches, and witnessed seven extensive revivals under his ministry, besides being the instrument of the conversion of many individuals, three of whom, it is known, entered the ministry. B. in Ch. Mirror, Sept. 23, 1856.

Rev. David Gerry, died in Brownfield, Nov. 5, 1856, aged 55 years, of disease of the heart. He was Pastor of the church in B. seventeen years. "He was a man of an excellent spirit, and a devoted minister of Christ, though his labors were often interrupted by feeble health. His work is finished, and he has passed to the land, of which the inhabitants never say, I am sick." Ch. Mirror, Nov. 11, 1856.

Sermon at his funeral by Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Bridgton, from 2 Chron. 24—16

See notice, Maine Evangelist, Feb. 21, 1857.

Union Association noticed his death, see Maine Evangelist, March 14, 1857.

Rev. James R. French, died in Prospect, his native place, (now Stockton,) March 23, 1857, aged 48 years. After pursuing his preparatory studies in his youth, his health failed him, and he commenced business as a merchant. He subsequently entered the Theological Seminary, at Gilmanton, N. H., and after he had graduated, was settled as Pastor of the church in Peterboro', N. H. He continued there nine years, and was greatly blessed of God. Afterwards he was appointed chaplain of Am. Seamen's Friend Society in Havana, and of the Bethel at Portland; subsequently, agent of the Society in this State. Last year, the church and society in Prospect gave him a call to be their Pastor. He had accepted it, and was soon expecting to be installed. He gave marked evidence of his faith and hope in Christ, during his last illness, which was severe; in the prospect of death, he could exclaim, "O what love was manifested in Christ, what a plan of salvation!" How full, how free, how perfect,—just like the Saviour!—how wonderful! I never expected to have such joyful expectations."

A sermon was preached at his funeral by Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport, from which the above notice is taken. (See Maine Evangelist, April 25 and May 2, 1857, for further notice.)

William H. Rhodes and George A. Buck, members of the Senior class in the Theological Seminary, Bangor, died in Oct. 1856. The former, while in the employment of the Maine Missionary Society, at Cooper, the latter at Whitneyville. Both earnest and faithful laborers, and giving promise of great usefulness in the ministry.

Nathaniel P. Baker and James H. Upham, members of the class which graduated July, 1856, died previously at Bangor. The latter died July 17, aged 28 years, and was the Pastor-elect of the Congregational church, E. Orrington, Me.

Rev. Aaron B. Church died in Princeton, Ill., Apr. 23, 1857, aged 59. Pastor of the Presbyterian church in Princeton, and from 1830—34 Pastor of the Congregational church, Calais, Me.

Hon. Albion K. Parris, Ex-Governor of Maine, died in Portland, February 11th, 1857, aged 69. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Chickering, at his funeral in High st.

church, from II. Timo. iv. 6—8. See *Christian Mirror*, Feb. 17. Sketch of his religious life, *Ch. M.*, Feb. 24. Further notice, *Ch. M.*, March 10.

JOEL FROST of the Congregational church, Norway, Sept. 6, 1856, aged 83. Obituary notice in Maine Evangelist, Sept. 13.

DEA. HEZEKIAH HUTCHINS of Congregational church, Rumford, Sept. 16, 1856, aged 85.

DEA. JOHN W. LINDLEY of Congregational church, Union, Sept. 18, 1856, aged 74. Obituary notice, Maine Evangelist, Oct. 11.

DEA. JOHN HOWE of Congregational church, N. Norway, Oct. 1, 1856, aged 89.

DEA. GILMAN RIDER of Congregational church, Brownville, March 10, 1857, aged 46, of cancer. Obituary notice in Maine Evangelist, Apr. 25.

DEA. ISRAEL STONE, for 20 years Deacon of the Congregational church, Kennebunkport, March 15, 1857, aged 81. Obit. notice in Christian Mirror, March 24.

DEA. BENJAMIN D. GAY, in Dixon, Illinois, Apr. 5, 1857,—Deacon of the Congregational church in that place, and formerly of Castine, Me., aged 56. Obit. Me. Evangelist, Apr. 25.

DEA. BLISS BLODGETT, for 40 years Deacon of the Congregational church, Bucksport, Apr. 29, 1857, of disease of the heart, aged 72. Obit. Ch. M., May 19.

DEA. REUEL BARROWS, M.D., died in Fryeburg, July 18, 1857, aged 66 years. Obit'y Evangelist, Aug. 1. Mirror, Aug. 11.

MRS. ELIZABETH LOVEJOY, widow of Rev. Daniel Lovejoy, once Pastor of the church in Albion, Me., died April 21, 1857, aged 86, at the residence of her son, Hon. Owen Lovejoy, in Princeton, Ill. She was widely known in Maine, for her hospitality and devoted piety. Obit'y Ch. Mirror, May 19.

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Vassalboro, July 28, 1818	" 1856	4	3		3		5	23	28	4			50	25
Waterville, Aug. 28, 1828	William B. Green, Oct. 15, 1855		2	1			16	38	54	19			100	32
Windsor, 1820									*28					
Winslow, Aug. 27, 1828	David Shepley, s. s., Sept. 1, 1851	1		2	2		15	47	62		1		93	31
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AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, third Wednesday of June. Semi-Annual Meeting, third Wednesday of January, unless otherwise directed by the Conference.

Church, and date of Organization.	Minister, and time of Settlement.	Admissions		Removals.			Members.			Baptisms				
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Burlington,	July 12, 1847	12	1		1		15	20	35	4	4	7	50	36
Fort Fairfield,	Oct. 9, 1843 Elbridge Knight, s. s., Oct. 15, 1852						5	7	*12	1			*50	
Hodgdon,	Sept. 25, 1845						6	6	*12				*75	
Houlton,	Jan. 24, 1833						3	14	*17	6			*20	
Letter F,	Mar. 15, 1848 E. Knight, 1857							2	*2	1			*40	
Lincoln,	May 3, 1831 Alvan J. Bates, s. s., Sept. 24, 1847		2				6	23	29	15		2	60	31
Monticello,	Jan. 25, 1833								*4					
Passadumkeag,	Mar. 2, 1845						3	3	*6	2			*25	5
Patten,	Mar. 1, 1840 Ephraim Fobes, s. s., 1853						7	13	*20	2			*40	
Salmon Brook,	1845 Elbridge Knight, Oct. 15, 1842						3	6	9				*40	
Springfield,	Mar. 15, 1846 Charles H. Emerson, s. s., July 1, 1855						8	8	16				60	
ELEVEN.	FOUR.	12	3		1		56	102	162	31	4	9	460	$72

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, Missionary, No. 11, Masardis, Fort Kent, Ox Bow, &c.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Lee, January 17, 18, 1857. Preachers, Rev. M. R. Keep, and Rev. A. J. Bates.

Annual Meeting at Springfield, July 1, 2, 1857. Theodore Taylor, *Moderator.* Sermons, by Rev. A. J. Bates, Luke 12: 14, and Rev. Dr. Tappan, Sec. M. M. S., Acts 4: 13. Subjects discussed, — "Lay effort in connection with Sabbath Schools," — "Example of lay christians on the Sabbath." Services at Communion season, conducted by Rev. J. Maltby, Del. from Penobscot Conference, and Rev. Dr. Tappan, of the Kennebec Conference. Reported in Christian Mirror, July 21.

Next Meeting at Lincoln, January 3, 1858. Rev. A. J. Bates, *Scribe and Treasurer.*

Meeting House dedicated in Springfield, July 1. Sermon, by Rev. John Maltby, of Bangor, Haggai 2: 7. Invocation, by Rev. C. H. Emerson, of Springfield. Reading Scriptures and Prayer, by Rev. A. J. Bates, of Lincoln. Dedicatory Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta. Notice in Maine Evangelist, July 18, 1857, and Mirror, 21st.

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

CONTINUED.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

John S. C. Abbott,	Brunswick.
Caleb Bradley,	Westbrook.
James Carruthers,	Portland.
J. Lawrence Chamberlain, Prof. Rhet. and Ora. Bow. Coll.,	Brunswick.
J. C. Fletcher, Agent Seaman's Friend Society,	Portland.
Daniel Kendrick,	Portland.
Thomas Jameson,	Gorham.
Henry A. Merrill,	Windham.
Alpheus S. Packard, Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Daniel J. Poor, Preceptor of Academy,	Gorham.
William Smyth, Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Egbert C. Smyth, Collins Prof. Nat. and Rev. Relig.,	Brunswick.
Samuel Stone,	Falmouth.
Henry G. Storer,	Scarborough.
Thos. C. Upham, D. D., Prof. in Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
William Warren, Dis. Society Am. Board, C. F. M.,	Portland.
Isaac Weston,	Cumberland Cen.
James Weston,	Standish.
J. Wilde,	Brunswick.
Leonard Woods, D. D., Pres. Bowdoin College,	Brunswick.
Franklin Yeaton, Family School for Boys,	New Gloucester.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Gorham, January 13, 14, 1857. Rev. John R. Adams, *Moderator*. Sermons, — Prof. E. C. Smyth, 2 Cor. 5: 14, and Rev. R. Parkinson, 1 Cor. 3: 23. Topics discussed, — The mutual obligations of members of the same church, and of different churches to each other, — Home evangelization, — Home influences, — Home Missions, — Systematic benevolence, — The early sanctification of our youth — especially those in our Colleges and Institutions of learning. Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Dr. Carruthers, and Prof. A. S. Packard.

Annual Meeting at Minot, June 9, 10, 1857. Rev. Dr. Carruthers, *Moderator*. Sermons, by Rev. U. Balkam, Ps. 45: 3, 4, and Rev. C. A. Aiken, Ps. 42: 2. Subjects of Remarks, — The growing christian, — The declining christian, — The useful christian, — The good Sabbath School teacher, — The good church member, — Public worship, — The prayer meeting, — The reforming power of religion, — The children of the church, — Temperance, — Civil and religious liberty to all men, — Foreign Missions, — Bible cause. Report on state of religion, by Rev. L. Conklin, — On Sabbath Schools, by Rev. H. D. Moore. Further notice in Ch. Mirror, June 16, and Maine Evangelist, June 20.

Next meeting with Union Church, Portland, January 12, 1858. Rev. A. H. Tyler, of Falmouth, *Scribe*. Francis Blake, of Portland, *Treasurer*.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of February; the other Meetings on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. C. A. Aiken, *Scribe*. Origin and History of this Association, by I. W., in Christian Mirror, Sept. 30, 1856. Theological sentiments of its members, Mirror, March 24, 1857.

Meeting House of the Union Church, Portland, dedicated Dec. 18, 1856. Sermon, by the Pastor elect, 1 Timo. 3: 14, 15. Consecrating Prayer, Rev. Dr. Chickering. Rev. H. D. Moore installed Pastor, January 29, 1857. Sermon, by Prof. Phelps, of Andover, James 1: 18. Installing Prayer, Dr. Carruthers.

Meeting House of the Cong'l Church, South Freeport, dedicated Aug. 14, 1856. Sermon, by Rev. J. S. C. Abbott. Church organized, July 9, 1857. Sermon, Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick. Consecrating Prayer, Rev. C. Hobart. Fellowship of the churches, Rev. L. Conklin. Rev. J. S. C. Abbott is stated supply.

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Aurora and Amherst,	Sept. 14,	1830	Charles Soule, s. s.,	Oct.,	1856								*31				*110	10
Bluehill,	Oct. 7,	1772	Henry A. Miner, s. s.,	Oct. 12,	1856	1	1	3	6				119		1		110	90
Bucksport,	May 12,	1803	Henry K. Craig,	Jan. 24,	1855	2	1	2	1		31	78	109	7		2	115	370
West Brooksville,	Jan. 4,	1826	Irem W. Smith, s. s.,	June,	1856						27	43	72	19			62	13
Castine,	July 26,	1820	Alfred E. Ives,	June 20,	1855	9	1	4	2		19	61	80		1	8	155	1238
Deer Isle,	Aug.,	1773	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s.,	Mar. 16,	1855	2		3			34	88	122	7	2	2	120	100
Ellsworth,	Sept 8,	1812	Sewall Tenney,	Nov. 15,	1835			1	1		20	81	101				130	350
Isle au Haut,	April 7,	1857	Joshua Eaton, s. s ,		1853	7					1	6	7		1		50	
Orland,	Sept. 25,	1850	Hiram Houston,	Sept. 25,	1850	5		1	2		8	26	34		4		90	110
Sedgwick & E.Br'ksville,	July 8,	1793	Benjamin D. Henry, s. s.,		1857						21	18	39	6			40	
" Village,	Oct. 28,	1847											*32				*75	
Tremont and Mt. Desert,	Oct. 17,	1792	Albert B. Houston, s. s.,	July,	1857								*102				*75	
TWELVE.			ELEVEN.			26	3	14	12		161	401	848	39	9	12	1132	2281

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Charles M. Brown, Tremont—Rev J. P. Skeele—Rev. A. L. Skinner, Bucksport.

Semi-Annual Meeting in the new Meeting-House at West Brooksville, Oct. 7, 8, 1856. Sermons by Rev. H. S. Loring, Titus 2: 13:—Blessed hope; and Rev. H. K. Craig: God's requisition of the past. Subjects for discussion—what means may be used by the believer, to quicken the tone of piety in the heart,—Sabbath Schools,—Missions,—Seamen's cause,—the duty of Christians in respect to the present state of our country.

Annual Meeting at Castine, June 4, 1857. Rufus Buck, *Moderator*. Sermons, by Rev. H. K. Craig, Micah 2: 10; Rev. David Thurston, D. D., of Searsport, Matt., 28: 20; and Rev. S. Tenney, Rev. 14: 1, 2, 3. Discussions,—revivals of religion,—is there any law determining their recurrence,—are there means which will certainly secure them? if so, what?—Are christians responsible for their termination?—Sabbath Schools,—Bible cause,—Seamen,—Home Missions. "This meeting of Conference was one of those delightful seasons, in which the Christian's soul is refreshed. We were much cheered by so large a Delegation from Waldo Conference."—Reported, Evangelist, June 13; Mirror, June 23.

Next meeting in East Brooksville, Oct. 13, 14, 1857. Rev. H. Houston, *Scribe and Treasurer*.

Meeting-House on Isle au Haut, dedicated, April 7, 1857. Sermon by Rev. S. Thurston, D.D., of Searsport. Church organized, same day.—Sermon, by Rev. W. Parker, of Belfast. Ps. 39: 12—The Pilgrim. Consecrating Prayer, by Rev. J. R. Munsell, of North Belfast. Fellowship of the Churches, by Rev. A. E. Ives, of Castine. Reported in Maine Evangelist, June 13.

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" 2d,	Nov. 22, 1849					1			4	10	14					
Richmond,	Feb. 8, 1827	E. J. Alden, s. s.,	Oct., 1856	9	7		3		12	33	45	7	7	1	55	125
Sidney,	Feb. 25, 1829	Henry C. Fay, s. s.,	1857						6	9	15	2			50	9
Vassalboro,	July 28, 1818	"	1856	4	3		3		5	23	28	4			50	25
Waterville,	Aug. 28, 1828	William B. Green,	Oct. 15, 1855		2	1			16	38	54	19			100	32
Windsor,	1820										*28					
Winslow,	Aug. 27, 1828	David Shepley, s. s.,	Sept. 1, 1851	1		2	2		15	47	62		1		93	31
Winthrop,	Sept. 4, 1776	Rufus M. Sawyer,	Oct. 15, 1851	1	2	2	1		46	94	140			2	145	269
SEVENTEEN.		ELEVEN.		33	18	12	21	1	285	697	1079	106	15	25	1158	1519

Ordained Ministers.—Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D.D., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, Augusta. Rev. Calvin White, Gardiner.

The Semi-Annual meeting of this Conference failed in consequence of violent storms, about the time for the meeting, which rendered traveling impracticable.

Annual meeting held with 1st Church, Pittston, June 9, 10, 1857. Rev. David Shepley, *Moderator*. Sermons, by Rev. J. H. Conant, Matt 2: 28—Demands and requisitions for Christian effort. Rev. R. M. Sawyer, 2 Cor., 5: 14—The constraining love of Christ. Topics discussed: Declension in religion.—1. The causes of declension—2. What shall be done to revive religion in our own souls, and in the Churches—3. How is the return of the Spirit to be secured to our Churches.—4. Some of the reasons urging Christians to prepare themselves to receive the Spirit.—Sabbath Schools, Temperance, Slavery, Home Missions, Revivals. Lectures given in three different places, on Tuesday evening, by Messrs. Greene, Fay and Clarke. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Dr. Tappan, and Rev. B. Smith. The quickening influences of the Holy Spirit, with which some of the Churches had been blest, increased the number in attendance, and the interest in this session of Conference. Reported, Maine Evangelist, June 27.

Next meeting at Richmond, Oct. 1857. Rev. Benj. Smith, *Scribe and Treasurer*.

New Meeting-House at Richmond, dedicated Oct. 1856. Sermon, by Rev. E. B. Webb, of Augusta;—at Winthrop, Dec. 1856. Sermon, by Rev. S. Harris, D. D., of Bangor Theological Seminary; at Monmouth Centre, Feb. 19, 1857. Sermon, by Rev. R. M. Sawyer, of Winthrop. Ps. 11: 4.

Installation of Rev. H. M. Stone, at Gardiner, July 8, 1857. Sermon, by Rev. Dr. Adams, of Brunswick. Installing Prayer, Rev. N. Chapman, of Pittston, (Maine Evangelist, July 16.)

Kennebec Association, meets fourth Tuesday of April, first Wednesday in July, fourth Tuesday in October, and on Monday preceding fourth Tuesday in January. Rev. Wm. B. Green, *Scribe*.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, preceding second Wednesday in June.

Alna,	Sept. 27, 1796	Samuel Talbot,	Oct. 8, 1842	1		1	1		28	54	82	22		2	50	66
Bath, Winter Street,	Dec. 8, 1795	John O. Fiske,	Aug. 17, 1843	8	10	3	4	2	69	154	223	33	6	11	218	2519
" Central,	July 8, 1835	Eliphalet Whittlesey,	Oct. 1, 1851	3	2	2	1		41	81	122	14	1	2	170	1567
" Weeks' Street,	May 22, 1855				1		2		4	8	13	1			40	4
Boothbay, 1st ch.,	1766	Jonathan Adams, s. s.,	1852			5			23	56	79	3			*60	25
" Harbor,	Aug. 1, 1848	John Forbush,	Oct. 15, 1856		2	1			21	31	52	7			80	50
Bremen,	Mar., 1839										*18					
Bristol, 1st ch.,	1765								13	20	33	3			30	10
" 2d ch.,	Jan. 31, 1855	Truman A. Merrill, s. s.,	Aug. 10, 1855				2		7	22	29	4			16	46
Edgecomb,	June 4, 1783	Amasa Loring,	Feb. 20, 1855			1			28	58	86	30		1	80	50
Jefferson,	1844										*3					
Lisbon,	Dec. 18, 1839	Henry S. Loring, s. s.,	1856	1	2				6	15	21	2			35	10
Newcastle, 1st ch.,	Oct. 4, 1797					2	2		16	41	57				*66	114
" 2d ch.,	May 22, 1844	Elbridge G. Carpenter,	Oct. 8, 1851	5	2	2			43	90	133	12	5	13	125	155
Phippsburg,	July 1, 1765					3			74	110	184				*75	30
Rockland,	Mar. 8, 1838	Findley Wallace,	Dec. 23, 1856	3	1	3	7		11	58	69	8	3	1	86	143
Thomaston,	June 18, 1809	Levi G. Marsh,	Oct. 3, 1855			3		2	15	56	71	6			80	125
Topsham,	1789	Daniel F. Potter, s. s.,	Dec., 1856	4		4			28	71	99	34			75	51
Union,	Mar. 3, 1803	Wm. H. Kingsbury, s. s.,	July, 1857			3			23	39	62	13			40	11
Waldoboro, 1st ch.,	May 13, 1807	(Thomas Lightbody, s s.,)		1	4	5					211	16		26	230	251
" 2d ch.,	Mar. 4, 1856			4		1			12	19	31	3		4	30	7
Warren, 2d ch.,	Feb. 27, 1828	David Cushman,	May 20, 1857	1		2			42	81	123	22			170	141
Washington,	Aug. 16, 1817								10	24	34	5				25
Wiscasset,	Oct. 29, 1828	Josiah Merrill,	June 17, 1857				1				89				85	30
Woolwich,	June 12, 1765	Samuel S. Drake, s. s.,	Jan., 1855						18	36	54	3			80	15
TWENTY-FIVE.		SIXTEEN.		31	24	41	20	4	532	1124	1978	241	15	60	1921	5445

Ordained Ministers.—Alden B. Boynton, John Boynton, Wiscasset; John W. Ellingwood, D. D., Bath; Thomas S. Goodwin, Bath.

Annual meeting at Alna, June 9, 1857. Rev. D. Cushman, *Moderator*. Sermon, by Rev. Josiah Merrill, Zech. 4: 6.—Rev. John Forbush, Eph. 2: 8 — Subjects introduced,—reasons and remedy for the present low state of religion,—the proper observance of the Sabbath,—Sabbath Schools,—Report on state of religion, and Sabbath Schools, by Rev. J. O. Fiske. Report in Maine Evangelist, July 18.

Next meeting at Waldoboro', June 8, 1858. Rev. E. Whittlesey, *Scribe and Treasurer*.

Rev. John Forbush, installed at Boothbay Harbor, Oct. 15, 1856. Sermon, by Rev. J. O. Fiske. Ins. Prayer, by Rev. D. Cushman. Right-hand by Rev. A. Loring. Thomas S. Goodwin, ordained as Evangelist, at same time. Right-hand of fellowship, by Rev. E. Whittlesey. Findley Wallace, ordained at Rockland, Dec. 22, 1856. Sermon, by Rev. W. Parker, of Belfast. Con. Prayer, Rev. S. Thurston. Right-hand of fellowship, Rev. L. G. Marsh. Rev. D. Cushman, installed at Warren, (2d church,) May 20, 1857. Sermon, by Rev. W. Parker, Installation Prayer, Rev. B. C. Chase. Right-hand, Rev. E. G. Carpenter. Rev. Josiah Merrill, installed at Wiscasset, June 17, 1857. Sermon, by Rev. H. D. Moore, of Portland, 2 Cor., 5: 21. Installation Prayer, Rev. J. G. Merrill, of Rumford; Right-hand, Rev. E. Whittlesey. New Vestry dedicated June 16. Sermon, by Rev. J. O Fiske. Cons. Prayer, by Rev. J. Merrill.—Christian Mirror, June 23, 30.

Rev. C. H. Wheeler, formerly of this Conference, missionary among the Armenians, arrived at Smyrna, March 2, 1857; at Trebizond, June 11, and is to be stationed at Kharpoot. Letter from him dated Constantinople, published in the Evangelist, Aug. 1.

LINCOLN WEST ASSOCIATION. Meetings first Tuesday in February, May and November. Rev. E. Whittlesey, *Scribe*.

LINCOLN EAST ASSOCIATION. Meetings first Tuesday of July, May and October. Rev. E. G. Carpenter, *Scribe*.

Report of Lincoln and Sagadahoc County Bible Society, Evangelist, Aug. 1.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in October.

Church, and date of Organization.	Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admis'ns		Removals.			Members.				Baptisms			
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Non-Residents	Adult.	Infant.	No in Sab. School.	Total of Donations
Andover,	Nov. 8, 1800 Mark Gould,	Oct.	8, 1851	5	2	3			17	32	49	9	4	2	110	30
Bethel, 1st ch.,	Oct. 7, 1799 Edwin A. Buck,	May	31, 1854	4	3	2	1		45	77	122	29	1	1	130	125
" 2d ch.,	Jan. 20, 1849 David Garland,	Aug.	15, 1845						17	30	47	4			90	43
Dixfield.	May 8, 1806 James P. Richardson, s.s.,		1856		1				5	14	19	4			50	13
Gilead,	May 20 1818 Edmund Burt, s. s.,		1856	2					5	25	30	8	2		40	19
Norway, 1st ch.,	Oct. 6, 1804					2			11	38	49	9			49	10
" Village,	Jan. 15, 1853 Asa T. Loring,	Jan.	3, 1855		3				12	34	46	6			60	25
Oxford,	May 21, 1826 Geo. F. Tewksbury, s. s.,	May	1, 1859	3					16	31	47	17	1		45	11
Paris, South,	Nov. 4, 1812 Daniel Sewall,	Jan.	3, 1855	3	3		3		36	79	115	19			100	122
Rumford,	Aug. 5, 1803 Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.,	Jan.,	1854			2	5		25	36	61	2		3	40	8
Shelburne, N. H.,	Aug. 26, 1818					1			1	3	4	1			*40	
Sumner,	Sept. 9, 1802 Benj. G. Willey, s. s.,		1851	11		2	1		27	57	84	31	8	2	90	23
Turner,	Aug. 16, 1 84 Samuel Bowker, s. s.,	Dec.	9, 1855	27	2	2			39	67	106	8	18	4	100	60
THIRTEEN.	ELEVEN.			55	14	14	10		256	523	779	137	34	12	950	$489

Without Charge.—Rev. Isaac Carlton, Oxford—Rev. Horace Pratt, Norway.

Semi-Annual meeting at Sumner Jan. 7 8, 185 Rev D. Sewall, *Moderator*. Sermons, by Rev. D. Sewall, Rev. E. A. Buck, Rev. J. G. Merrill, Rev. H. Pratt. Cor. 3.—Rev. A. T. Loring. Is. 62 : 1. Subjects presented for consideration—"What is necessary to the greatest success of public worship,—prayer for Ministers,—"We should labor and pray for immediate success." In the afternoon of Wednesday, the New House of Worship was dedicated. Sermon, by Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Kennebec Conference. Matt. 10 : 20. Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. J. G. Merrill. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. J. G. Merrill, and Rev. D. Sewall.

Annual Meeting in Dixfield, June 23, 1857. Rev. S. Bowker, *Moderator*. Sermons, by Rev. S. Bowker, Jer. 8 : 6. "What have I done?"—Rev. D. Sewall, Acts 3 : 19.—Repent ye therefore." Discussed,—What are the duties which the exigencies of the times demand of Christians?"—(1.) In private; (2.) In the family; (3.) In the Church 4. As a citizen. (5.) In the world.—Sabbath Schools—Home Missions,—Addresses to the impenitent,—Report of the Churches, by Rev. J. G. Merrill of Sabbath Schools, by Rev. E. A. Buck; Communion Service, Rev. J. G. Merrill, and Rev. B. G. Willey. Reported in Maine Evangelist, June 13. Christian Mirror, June 16.

Next Meeting in Turner, Oct. 20, 1857. Rev. E. A. Buck, *Scribe and Treasurer*.

Dedication of the Con. M. H. in Turner, Dec. 30, 1856. Sermon by Rev. S. Bowker. Ps. 122: 6. Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. John Dodd. "An attractive and beautiful House."

Congregational Meeting House, dedicated at Island Pond, Jan. 2, 1857. Invocation and reading, &c., by Rev. Wm. Sewall, of Lunenberg, Vt., Prayer, by Rev. D. Garland, of Bethel, Me. Sermon, by Rev. S. H. Merrill, of Portland. Ps. 122: 31. Cons. Prayer, by Rev. S. R. Hall, of Browington, Vt. The site of this village was a wilderness, when the Rail Road (Grand Trunk) was opened there.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION meets on the second Tuesday of May and September. Rev. D. Sewall, *Scribe*.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June. **Semi-Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.**

Bangor, 1st Parish,	Nov. 27, 1811	George B. Little,	Oct. 11, 1849	6	3	8	5	1	95	190	285	66	2	6	169	1400
" Hammond St.,	Dec. 5, 1833	John Maltby,	July 23, 1834	6	12	2	14	1	84	169	253	45	3	2	350	1500
" Central,	April 1, 1847	Profs. Shepard & Harris,	s.s., 1847, 1855	22	17	3	3		84	128	212		12	3	350	900
Brewer, 1st ch.,	Sept. 9, 1800	Prof. Pond, s. s.,	1857	4	3	2	2		45	78	123	31	3		147	230
" Village,	Jan. 18, 1843	Thomas Smith,	Feb. 21, 1846		1		1		15	28	43	3			140	175
Carmel,	May 5, 1853								4	9	13				40	2
Corinna,	1841														35	15
Dedham,	Dec. 23, 1841	Edward S. Palmer,	Jan. 2, 1856				2	1	18	26	44	5		1	100	97
Dixmont,	Nov., 1807								5	7	12	7			53	2
Glenburn,	1839														25	
Hampden,	May 5, 1817	Javan K. Mason,	Jan. 18, 1849	2		2	2	1	24	61	85	14	1	2	135	145
Holden,	Nov. 11, 1828	Francis Southworth,	s. s., 1856	1	1	2	5		29	47	76	21			100	76
Kenduskeag,	Dec. 23, 1834						1		18	45	63	5			90	41
Oldtown,	Sept. 24, 1834	Ebenezer Douglass,	Jan. 22, 1856	5	1	2			15	41	56	10	5		150	100
Orono,	May 18, 1826	Stephen L. Bowler,	s. s., Sept., 1854	3	2				13	41	54	13	2		110	178
Orrington,	June 12, 1834	Wellington Newell,	Nov. 18, 1856			3			18	35	53	10			85	26
Veazie,	June 19, 1838						1		6	15	21	9				
SEVENTEEN.		TWELVE.		49	40	24	36	4	473	920	1393	239	28	14	2079	4887

Ordained Ministers.—Enoch Pond. D D.: Geo. Shepard. D. D ; Daniel Talcott Smith, D. D.; Samuel Harris, D. D., *Professors in Theological Seminary;* Rev. John Sawyer, D.D. (102 years old,); Rev. James Wells, City Missionary; Rev. Richard Woodhull, Agt. Am. Bible Society,—all resident in Bangor.

Semi-annual meeting at Old Town, Jan. 13, 14, 1857. Rev. T. Smith, *Moderator.* Sermons by Rev. A. J. Bates, of Aroostook Conference, 1 Cor. 15: 58; Professor Shepard, of Bangor, Roms. 3: 20—24. After verbal Reports from Delegates, of the state of the Churches, the subject of Prayer meetings was introduced, under the following particulars, (1.) How conducted. (2.) Female Prayer meetings. (3.) Family religion and worship. (4.) as related to Revivals.—Systematic Beneficence, Sabbath Schools, and Temperance, also referred to.—Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Dr. Pond, and the Moderator.

Annual Meeting at East Orrington, June 9, 10, 1857. Rev. J. K. Mason, *Moderator.* Sermons by Rev. R. Woodhull, Eph. 4: 16; the Moderator, Isa. 55: 6; and Prof. Harris, of Bangor, Hebrews 6: 20—Christ our Fore-runner. Topics of remark—Importance of correct views of the doctrines of the Bible,—Duties of church members to watch over each other—duty of visiting them for the sake of mutual christian sympathy, encouragement and instruction, and of necessary fraternal reproof.—Sabbath Schools.—Non-resident members. Lord's Supper administered by Prof. Pond and Rev. S. L. Bowler. Reported in Maine Evangelist, June 27; Christian Mirror, June 23.

Next meeting with Hammond Street church, Bangor, Jan. 12, 1858. Rev. G. B. Little, of Bangor, *Scribe.* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.*

Rev. Geo. W. Field, from Brewer church, installed Pastor of Salem Street church, Boston, Oct. 15, 1856. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Shepard, of Bangor.

Rev. Wellington Newell, ordained Pastor of Congregational church, Orrington, Nov. 18, 1856. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Smith, of Bangor, 2 Cor. 4: 2; Ord. Prayer, Rev. Dr. Harris, of Bangor. Right hand, Rev. J. K. Mason, of Hampden.

Ephraim P. Roberts, ordained as a Missionary of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., to Micronesian Islands, in Hammond St. church, July 28, 1857. Sermon, Rev. Dr. Hopkins, of Williams College. Text, Rom. 4: 13. Ordaining Prayer, Dr. Pond. Charge, Rev. J. Maltby. Right hand, Gen. S. L. Bowler. Reported in Mirror, Aug. 1; Evangelist, Aug. 8.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in June. **Semi-Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in December.**

Church, and date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admis'ns		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents	Baptisms		No. in Sab. School.	Total of Donations
					Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Fem.	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Abbot,	Feb. 2, 1841											11					
Atkinson,	Mar. 2, 1842	Peter B. Thayer, s. s.,	May,	1857			1	4		11	14	25	6			75	
Blanchard,	Mar. 12, 1833	John A. Perry, s. s, 1-2 time,		1850	2			1	1	18	33	51	18	2	6	53	30
Bradford,	Mar. 21, 1838	John B. Tufts, s. s.,		1856						9	19	28	3			30	
Brownville,	Aug. 24, 1819	William S. Sewall,	Sept. 25,	1839	8	3	1	2	1	39	55	94	22	1	4	80	50
Dexter,	July 22, 1834							1		10	32	42	12			*50	
Foxcroft and Dover,	Dec. 30, 1822	Edward S. Palmer, s. s.,	Aug.,	1857	1		5	5		40	85	125	36	1		100	62
Garland,	Mar., 1810	Peter B. Thayer,	Dec. 21,	1848	1	2		1		23	40	63	7			80	50
Milo,	May 6, 1829							1		2	6	8					
Monson,	Aug. 11, 1821	Rufus W. Emerson,	May 28,	1856	7	4	2	1		33	45	78	24	6		50	65
Sangerville,	Aug. 28, 1828	John A. Perry, occasional s.,		1856			1			10	14	24	8			50	
Sebec,	Oct. 15, 1833	William S. Sewall, s. s.,		1857				1		2	8	10	1			50	
TWELVE.		FIVE.			19	9	10	17	2	197	351	559	137	10	10	618	$258

Semi-Annual Meeting in Monson, Dec. 16, 17, 1856, Hon. James Bell, of Monson, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. H. White, of Somerset Conference, Gen. 32: 28; Rev. W. S. Sewall, Heb. 2: 3; and Rev. P. B. Thayer, Rev. 14: 4. Subjects for remark,—"What is the remedy for declension in the spirit of prayer,"—"What are some of the methods to be employed to win souls to Christ." Four were added to the church in Monson, by profession, on Wednesday P. M. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. H. White, and Rev. W. S. Sewall. "The meeting was one of delightful harmony, and christian enjoyment."

Annual Meeting in Garland, June 16, 17, 1857. Dea. R. K. Packard, of Blanchard, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. R. Woodhull, of Penobscot Conference, Gal. 3: 29; Rev. J. Blake, of Cumberland Conference, Luke 15: 7; and Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Monson. Subjects discussed: In what consists the true prosperity of a religious Society, and the means to be used to promote it—Communion season, Rev. A. J. Bates, of Aroostook Conference, and Rev. J. A. Perry, of Blanchard.

Next meeting in Brownville, Dec. 15, 1857. Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, of Brownville, *Scribe*. C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer*.

Rev. W. Parker, dismissed from Congregational church, Foxcroft and Dover, Sept. 9, 1856, and installed Pastor Con. church, Belfast, Oct. 8, 1856.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. Rev. P. B. Thayer, *Scribe*.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, on Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, time fixed by Com. of Arrangements.

Anson,		1804	Eliphalet S. Hopkins, s.s.,		1856	11		1			15	34	49	18	6	25	12
Athens,	April 21,	1836											*3				
Bingham,	July 24,	1805	Sidney Turner,	Jan. 6,	1847			1			20	34	54			*40	17
Bloomfield,	Nov. 19,	1801	George W. Hathaway,	Mar. 20,	1833			2	1		25	67	92	17		150	40
Cornville,			George W. Fargo, s. s.,		1856								8				
Fairfield,	May 11,	1815	Benjamin Dodge, s. s.,		1855						7	9	16				5
Flagstaff,		1844	David Turner, s. s.,		1854								*37				
Madison,	May 25,	1826	Thomas G. Mitchell, s. s.,	Sept.,	1851	15	3	1			15	38	53	14	12	115	19
Mercer,	Oct. 30,	1822							1		16	31	47	16		25	8
Norridgewock,	Sept. 22,	1797	Henry S. Downs,	Sept. 29,	1852	7	4		3		43	85	128	23		176	230
Skowhegan,	Dec. 6,	1841	Leonard W. Harris, s. s.,		1856		6	1	1				20			75	11
South Solon,	Sept.,	1806	Sidney Turner, s. s.,		1857			4			17	26	43	13		45	16
Solon Village,	Jan. 25,	1842	George W. Fargo, s. s.,		1856						3	7	10			60	16
St. Albans,	June 29,	1830	Henry White, s. s.,	April 1,	1854				4		11	25	36			40	18
FOURTEEN.			TEN.			33	13	10	10		172	356	596	101	18	751	392

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Levi Loring, of Athens.

Semi-Annual meeting in South Solon, Dec. 30, 31, 1857. Sermons by Rev. L. W. Harris, Acts 17: 11; and Rev. G. W. Hathaway, 1 Cor 3: 11—15. Subjects discussed,—1. "The Bible in its claims to our daily study;" 2. "Prayer,—in the closet, the social circle, the family, and the Pulpit;" 3. Public worship,—its neglect, causes and remedy; 4. The responsibility of parents in respect to the character of their children. "The attendance was small, but the meeting was unusually interesting."

Annual Meeting in Madison, June 9, 10, 1856. D. Farnsworth, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. L. W. Harris, Prov. 18: 14; and Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rom. 14: 7, 8. Themes for discussion,—True Piety,—its nature, how promoted—essential to a consistent life, to usefulness, and happiness:—its relation to the family, the church, the Sabbath School, and to benevolent efforts in general.

"While some mercy drops have fallen upon several of the churches, the church in Anson have shared in quite a plentiful and refreshing shower." Reported in Maine Evangelist, June 20; Christian Mirror, June 23.

Next meeting in Norridgewock. Rev. H. S. Downes, *Scribe*. E. B. Vaughn, of Norridgewock, *Treasurer*.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION meets on the first Wednesday in February, May, August and November. Rev. T. G. Mitchell, *Scribe*.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, preceding the 3d Wednesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, preceding the 4th Wednesday in Dec.

Church, and date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.			Admis'ns		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents	Baptisms		Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
					Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Fem.	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Albany,	Sept. 15, 1803	Samuel L. Gould, s. s.,		1856		1	1			20		60	16			90	30
Bridgton,	Aug. 26, 1784	Josiah T. Hawes,	Feb.,	1851			2			27	54	81	13			75	60
" North,	Nov. 16, 1832	John Dodd, s. s.,		1855			1			15	28	43	7			40	18
" South,	Dec. 30, 1829	Joseph P. Fessenden,		1829								46				*40	50
Brownfield,	Oct., 1804	James Tattan, s. s.,			3		1	1	1	15		34	2	2		50	10
Denmark,	July, 1829	Josiah T. Hawes, o. s.,		1857	1	1				10	24	34	11			*40	
Fryeburg,	Aug., 1775	John Q. Peabody,	Dec.	7, 1856		2	2	2		44	00	144	16			138	75
Harrison,	Feb. 15, 1826	John Dodd, s. s.,	Aug.	1, 1854	3		1	9	2	30	53	83	32	2		50	9
Hiram,	Oct. 25, 1826									5		15	4			85	4
Lovell,	Oct. 6, 1798	Joseph Smith,	July	6, 1853	3		1	2		34	50	84	18		1	139	45
Otisfield,	Nov. 28, 1797	Alanson Southworth, s. s.,			2	2	5	8		55	85	140	50	2		60	10
Sweden,	Nov. 1, 1817	Charles B. Smith, s. s.,	Sept.,	1854			2		1	18	30	48	9		5	48	30
Waterford,	Oct. 2, 1799	John A. Douglass,	Nov.	7, 1821		1	4	1	1	61	11	172	13		2		150
THIRTEEN.		TEN.			12	7	20	23	5	334	604	984	191	6	8	855	$491

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. Lincoln Ripley, Waterford.

No semi-annual meeting held this year.

Annual Meeting at Fryeburg, June 16, 17, 1857. Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Sweden, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. S. L. Gould, Col. 3: 1. Rev. J. P. Fessenden, 2 Cor. 10: 4.

Subjects considered:—The necessity of a deeper interest in religion,—What are the intimations of an increase of interest in religion?—How shall the christian who has become sensible of his departure from God, return to duty. The necessity of increased prayerfulness, for the conversion of the impenitent.—Foreign Missions,—Sabbath Schools. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Wm. Warren, Dis. Sec'y Am. Ed. C. F. M., and Rev. John A. Douglass. "This meeting of Conference was attended by a much larger number than usual, and was deeply interesting and impressive throughout. All minds seemed pervaded with a sense of the divine presence." (Reported in Me. Evang., June 27.)

Next meeting at Waterford, Dec. 22, 1857. Rev. C. B. Smith, *Scribe and Treasurer*. Hon. E. W. Woodbury reported on Sabbath Schools

Rev. John Q. Peabody, ordained at Fryeburg, Dec. 17, 1856. Invocation and reading of Scripture by Rev. P. C. Richmond, of Fryeburg, Introductory Prayer by Rev. J. Dodd, of N. Bridgton. Sermon by Rev. John R. Adams, of Gorham, 2 Cor. 6: 13. Ordaining Prayer by Rev. R. Kimball, of Conway, N. H. Charge to Pastor, Rev. D. T. Kimball, of Ipswich, Mass. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. E. A. Buck, of Bethel. Address to people, Rev. W. Clark, of Amherst, N. H. Concluding Prayer, Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Bridgton. Benediction by Pastor.

UNION ASSOCIATION meets first Tuesday in January, May, July, September and November. Rev. J. Dodd, *Scribe*.

	Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.		Semi-Annual Meeting, in Autumn.													
Belfast, 1st ch.,	Dec. 29, 1796	Wooster Parker,	Oct. 8, 1856	2	12	1	5	32	83	115	23		5	70	100
" 2d ch.,	Sept. 24, 1846	Joseph R. Munsell,	Sept. 22, 1852					23	37	60	10		2	75	54
Camden,	Sept. 11, 1805	(1) Benj. C. Chase,	Jan. 8, 1850			1		38	73	111	14		2	150	192
Frankfort, 1st ch.,	Sept. 7, 1820	Stephen H. Hayes,	Aug. 20, 1844			2		14	58	72	10			124	25
" 2d ch.,	Nov. 18, 1851					2				15				*56	4
Jackson and Brooks,	Oct. 6, 1812	Alanson Southworth, s.s.,	1857			2		14	26	40				*40	5
Prospect, (Sandy Point,)	Oct. 16, 1839					2	3	22	34	56	12			40	15
Searsport, 1st ch.,	Oct. 4, 1815	Stephen Thurston, D. D.,	Aug. 9, 1826			3	3	66	140	206	40			125	181
" 2d ch.,	Sept. 19, 1855	David Thurston, D.D., s.s.,	Jan., 1855		2			8	18	26	1		3	50	40
Swanville,	June 1, 1826									10					3
Rockport,	June 12, 1854	John E. M. Wright,	1857	2	3			9	18	27	2	2	4	45	4
Thorndike,	Aug. 28, 1834	Joseph R. Munsell, o. s.,	1857			1		6	17	23	12				11
Unity,	Dec., 1804	" "	1857							*30				*43	
THIRTEEN.		EIGHT.		4	17	14	11	232	504	791	124	2	16	818	§634

(1) Left May, 1857,— Franklin P. Chapin, to supply from September, 1857.

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. E. F. Cutter, Belfast.

Semi-Annual Meeting at Jackson, Nov. 5, 1856. Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., *Moderator.* Sermon by Rev. W. Parker, 1st Kings, 17: 7; and the Moderator, Titus 2: 14. Subject for discussion,—revival in the hearts of christians, and conversion of sinners. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. H. S. Loring, of Hancock Conference, and Rev. W. Parker, of Belfast.

Annual Meeting at North Belfast, June 9, 10, 1857. Rev. David Thurston, D. D., *Moderator.* Sermons by Rev. B. C. Chase, Matt. 5: 13, and the Moderator, Isa. 42: 21. Conference—on the absence and need of revivals,—the feeling of discouragement and despondency, which is more or less manifest,—deficiencies, duties, reasons for sadness, and grounds of hope. The Bible cause, Temperance and Sabbath Schools, were topics of remark.—The unanimous sense of the Conference was expressed, that the continuance of the correspondence between the General Conference, and the Presbyterian church, was inexpedient. Rev. R. Woodhull, Rep. of the Am. Bible Soc., and Rev. B. C. Chase, officiated in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Reported in Mirror, June 23; Evangelist, June 27.

Next Meeting in Swanville. J. S. Caldwell, of Belfast, *Scribe and Treasurer.*

Rev. Wooster Parker, installed Pastor Con. church, Belfast, Oct. 8, 1856. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Pond, of Bangor, Revs. 1: 16. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. S. Thurston,—Charge, by Rev. J. R. Munsell.

WALDO ASSOCIATION. Annual Meeting in August. Assembles three times in addition, during the year. Rev. S. H. Hayes, *Scribe.*

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June. Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday after the first Wednesday in October.

Church, and date of Organization.		Minister, and time of Settlement.		Admis'ns		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents	Baptisms		No. in Sab. School.	Total of Donations
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Fem.	Total.		Adult.	Infant.		
Acton,	Sept. 18, 1781	Jonas Fisk, s. s.,	Jan. 1, 1856		1	1	1		16	19	35	5			75	26
Alfred,	Sept., 1791	John Orr,	May 7, 1846	1					32	82	114	17			117	85
Biddeford, 1st,	April 30, 1730	Charles Peabody, s. s.,	April 26, 1857			5			19	42	61	9			48	20
" 2d,	Mar. 1, 1805					5	12		57	179	236	83			125	200
Buxton,	Mar. 2, 1763	Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 7, 1847			2					44	4		1	99	25
" North,	Mar. 2, 1763	George W. Cressey, s. s.,	June 6, 1852	2		2			18	37	55	5		1	59	67
Cornish,	Sept. 6, 1840								6	6	*12	2				
Elliot,	June 22, 1721					2			11	53	64	7			50	
Kennebunk,	Aug. 15, 1826	J. Evarts Pond, s. s.,	June, 1857	2	1				26	59	85	19	1	2	70	298
Kennebunkport, 1st,	Nov., 1730	J. B. Thornton, Jr., s. s.,	1857	1		1			23	45	68	11			50	41
" South,	Jan. 10, 1838	Philip Titcomb,	July 11, 1855	2	1	1	2		10	43	53	2	2		70	182
Kittery,	Nov. 4, 1714								13	43	*56	3			*53	43
Lebanon,	June 25, 1765	S. H. Partridge, s. s.,	May 10, 1857			1			23	63	86	*15			50	25
Limerick,	July 5, 1795	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.,	1857						26	58	*84	14			*70	92
Limington,	Oct. 11, 1789	John Parsons,	May 14, 1857	19		2			32	75	107	35	13		*143	25
Lyman,	Dec. 2, 1801	Wales Lewis, s. s.,	1857			1	2		50	94	144	12			100	20
Newfield,	July, 1801								27	44	*71	14			*54	5
Parsonsfield,	Jan. 7, 1745	Nathan W. Sheldon, s. s.,	1857						8	19	27				36	
Saco,	Oct. 13, 1762	Francis B. Wheeler,	Dec. 6, 1854								*150				*171	500
Sandford,	July 19, 1786	Christopher Marsh, s. s.,	1857			2	1	1	17	31	48	13			42	32
" South,	July, 1786	Clement Parker,	Nov. 9, 1847	4	1				7	14	21		1		40	10
Shapleigh,	Oct. 23, 1823										*15	4			*80	
South Berwick,	June 4, 1702	Alfred Emerson,	Feb. 18, 1857				3		23	74	97	24		1	100	222
Wells, 1st,	Oct. 29, 1701	Giles Leach, s. s.,	Sept., 1854	2		1		1	50	103	153	40		1	125	231
" 2d,	Aug. 23, 1831	Jonathan B. Cook,	July 18, 1855						18	45	63	10		1	60	90
York, 1st,	1673	William A. Patten, s. s.,	May 1, 1855		4	1	1	2			84			2	83	212
" 2d,	1732	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	1		1			8	24	32	5		4	60	37
TWENTY-SIX.		TWENTY-ONE.		34	8	28	22	4	520	1252	2065	353	17	18	2036	2488

Ordained Ministers.—Rev. Samuel M. Gould, Biddeford; Rev. Albert Cole, Limerick.

Semi-Annual meeting in Saco, Oct. 7, 8, 1856. Sermons by Rev. G. Leach, Isa. 52: 1; Rev. P. Titcomb, 1 Tim. 6: 12. Subjects introduced:—The work of the Holy Spirit,—its nature, method, and need—posture of the church in reference to it.—Resolution adopted, earnestly recommending to the churches of this Conference, an increase in their contributions to the Maine Missionary Society. Services at communion season conducted by Rev. G. W. Cressey, and Rev. S. Bailey.

34th Annual Meeting with the First church, Kennebunkport, June 2, 3, 1857. Rev. F. B. Wheeler, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. J. Orr, Matt. 6: 10; Rev. G. W. Cressey, John 6: 10. Topics discussed,—Revivals;—their importance, value and abuses,—Claims of Foreign Missions presented,—Pastoral address by Rev. W. H. Wilcox, on the design and demands of the Pastoral office.

Anniversary of York County Bible Society observed.

Administration of the Lord's Supper, Rev. C. Marsh, and Rev. C. Peabody. (Reported in Mirror, June 9; Evangelist, June 13.)

Next meeting at Lebanon Centre, Oct. 13, 14, 1857. Rev. G. W. Cressey, *Scribe and Treasurer*. Rev. J. B. Cook, *Reporter*. Rev. P. Titcomb, *Pastoral Address*.

Installed at South Berwick, Feb. 8, 1857, Rev. Alfred Emerson, lately Professor of the Western College. Invocation and reading, &c., Rev. Geo. N. Anthony, of Great Falls, N. H. Introductory Prayer, Rev. Nathaniel Laselle, Exeter, N. H. Sermon, Prof. Park, of Andover, Mass. Installation Prayer, Ralph Emerson, D. D., formerly Prof. at Andover. Charge to Pastor, Rev. Dr. Chickering, of Portland. Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Lyman Whiting, of Portsmouth, N. H. Address to the People, Rev. J. T. McCullum, of Bradford, Mass. Concluding Prayer, Rev. B. F. Parsons, of Dover, N. H. Benediction by Pastor.

Ordained at Limington, May 14, 1857, John Parsons. Reading Sc. and Prayer, Rev. C. Pearl, of Baldwin. Sermon, Rev. J. Bartlett, of Buxton. Ordaining Prayer, Rev. I. Weston, of Cumberland. Charge to the Pastor, Rev. G. W. Cressey, of Buxton. Right hand of fellowship. Rev. J. Bartlett. Address to the People, Rev. Jas. B. Hadley, of Standish. Concluding Prayer, Rev. J. Hubbard, of Limington. Benediction by Pastor.

Rev. S. M. Gould, dismissed from Biddeford church, March 4, 1857. Rev. A. W. Fiske, from Kittery, April 1, to Fisherville, N. H.

Rev. W. H. Wilcox, from Kennebunk church, installed at Reading, Mass. May, 1857.

York Association meets on first Tuesday of February, May, August and November. Rev. G. W. Cressey, *Scribe*.

The Ministers in South Berwick, Elliott, York and Kittery, are connected with the Piscataqua Association. Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January.

BIBLE DEPOSITORIES.

Counties.	Depositaries.	Towns.
York,	W. C. Conant,	Alfred.
Washington,	John Kilby,	Dennysville.
Waldo,	J. S. Caldwell,	Belfast.
Sagadahoc,	M. F. Gannett,	Bath.
Somerset,	Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway,	Bloomfield.
Piscataquis,	Sawyer & Woodbury,	Dover.
Penobscot,	E. F. Duren,	Bangor.
Oxford,	A. C. Bolster,	South Paris.
Lincoln,	Rev. E. S. Carpenter,	New Castle.
Hancock,	J. W. Jones,	Ellsworth.
Cumberland,	Hezekiah Packard,	Portland.
Kennebec,	D. C. Stanwood,	Augusta.
Franklin,	Rev. I. Rogers,	Farmington.
Aroostook,	Rev. A. J. Bates,	Lincoln.
Androscoggin,		Lewiston.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Wednesday in June. Semi Annual Meeting, second Wednesday in October.

Church, and date of Organization.	Minister, and time of Settlement.			Dismiss'n.		Removals.			Members.				Baptisms			
				Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Excl.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Non-Residents	Adults.	Infant.	No in Sab. S. Sch'l.	Total of Delegations
Alexander,	Nov. 6, 1854								1	10	11	4			26	5
Calais,	Aug. 17, 1825	Seth H. Keeler,	Nov. 20, 1839		1		1		1?	132	180	37		2	184	540
Cherryfield,	Oct. 3, 1833								3	11	14	1				
Cooper,	Feb. 22, 1826								5	11	16	4			37	16
Dennysville,	Oct. 27, 1805	Edward P. Baker, s. s.,		1					36	61	97	20	1	3	242	200
Eastport,	Feb. 8, 1819	Samuel D. Hosmer, s. s.,	Dec., 1855	4		2	2		24	56	70	58	2		90	100
Jonesboro',	April 24, 1846	Joseph Peart, s. s.,	Nov., 1856						6	8	14	7			100	48
Lubec,	Sept., 1818								3	4	7					3
Machias,	Sept. 12, 1782	Henry F. Harding, s. s.,	Oct., 1855	6	2	4	4		52	109	161	25	3		240	188
East Machias,	June 8, 1826	John C. Adams, s. s.,	Dec. 15, 1848	4		4	1		13	78	121	34	4		155	60
Machiasport,	Jan. 25, 1831	Gilman Bacheller,	1857	2	1	1	1		19	32	51	4	1		50	
Northfield,	Sept. 15, 1836	Joseph Peart, s. s.,	1857								*15				*50	6
Pembroke,	Sept. 30, 1835								8	14	21	2			150	
Perry,	Oct. 7, 1822	John J. Bultinch, s. s.,	July, 1856								*75				*75	10
Robbinston,	Nov. 24, 1811	Daniel B. Sewall,	Jan. 19, 1842			3	3		27	59	86	17			95	113
St. Stephen, N. B.,	Oct. 21, 1846	Horatio Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5, 1854	9	3	2	8		58	89	147	14	5	2	200	522
Whiting,	Nov. 9, 1822								4	7	11	2			60	
Whitneyville,	Dec. 7, 1836	Joseph Peart, s. s.,	Nov., 1856	2	9		1		12	15	34	9			60	7
EIGHTEEN.			TEN.	28	16	16	21		352	689	1129	240	16	7	1762	1818

Semi-annual meeting at Milltown, (St. Stephens,) Oct. 8, 9, 1856. Sermons by Rev. Messrs. Hosmer, Sewall and Adams. Topics discussed:—the relation of the stronger churches in this Conference, to the weaker ones,—The comparative sacrifice expected of ministers and laymen.—Is alternate revival and declension, the normal state of the church.

Winter session at Calais, January 21, 22, 1857. Sermons, Rev. H. Harding, John 3: 14, 15; Rev. J. C. Adams, John 3: 2; Rev. J. H. Stearns, Gal. 3: 24. Subjects introduced:—What is it to believe?—The evidences of faith.—Lord's Supper administered by Rev. H. F. Harding, and Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

Annual meeting in Perry, June 3, 4, 1857. Rev. S. H. Keeler, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, John 14: 16; Rev. Thomas Lightbody, of Shelfield, N. B., Titus 3: 8; and Rev. G. Bacheller. The narrative of the revival in Calais, is published in the account of the meeting of Conference, in the Evangelist. June 27. Meeting [illegible] management of [illegible]

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR, ENDING JUNE 7, 1857.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE, ORGANIZED IN PORTLAND, JANUARY 10, 1826.

County Conferences, and Date of Organization.	Churches.	Ministers.	Admissions.		Removals.			Members.			Non-Residents.	Baptisms.		No. in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
			Profes.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.	Males.	Fem.	Total.		Adults.	Infants.		
Aroostook, - - - - 1844	11	4	12	3		1		56	102	162	31	4	9	460	72
Cumberland, - - - - 1822	35	33	108	68	50	86	3	854	1945	3830	377	36	66	3658	9091
Franklin, - - - - - 1830	13	8	7	6	15	12		166	233	602	181		6	720	242
Hancock, - - - - - 1825	12	10	26	3	14	12		161	401	848	39	9	12	1132	2281
Kennebec, - - - - 1823	17	11	33	18	12	21	1	285	697	1079	106	15	25	1158	1519
Lincoln and Sagadahoc, - 1825	25	16	31	24	41	20	4	532	1124	1978	241	15	60	1926	5445
Oxford, - - - - - 1824	13	11	55	14	14	10		256	523	779	137	34	12	950	489
Penobscot, - - - - - 1825	17	12	49	40	24	36	4	473	920	1393	239	28	14	2079	4887
Piscataquis, - - - - 1842	12	5	19	9	10	17	2	197	351	559	137	10	10	618	258
Somerset, - - - - - 1823	14	10	33	13	10	10		172	356	596	101	18		751	392
Union, - - - - - - 1836	13	9	12	7	20	23	5	334	604	984	191	6	8	855	491
Waldo, - - - - - - 1848	13	8	4	17	14	11		232	504	791	124	2	16	818	634
Washington, - - - - 1829	18	9	28	16	16	21		352	689	1129	210	16	7	1762	1818
York, - - - - - - 1822	26	21	34	8	28	22	4	520	1252	2065	353	17	13	2030	2488
FOURTEEN.	239	‡168	461	246	268	302	23	§4584	9701	16765	2467	210	258	18912	‖$30107

‡ Adding 46 Ordained Ministers not included in the TABLES, and deducting 5 who are s. s. in more than one Conference, and the whole number of Clergymen is 209. Licentiates 23.

§ The Summary of Males and Females includes only those reported separately; while the columns for Totals contains all the Members reported, or taken from last year's Minutes.

‖ Of this sum, about $9,000 was for Home Missions; $8,000 for Foreign Missions; $1,700 for the Morning Star; $1,800 for the Bible Society; $700 for Seamen; $300 to the Sabbath School Cause; $600 to the Education Society; $800 to the Tract Society. It does not include all home charities. In addition to the amount reported, $250 has been paid by the Conferences, as such, to the Maine Missionary Society.

Minutes of the Origin of General Conference of Maine, in Maine Evangelist, June 20, 1857.

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" Wm. A., Deer Isle	37
Miner, H. A., Bluehill	37
Mitchell, T. G., Madison	43
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Munsell, J. R., North Belfast	45
Newell, W. East Orrington	41
Orr, John, Alfred	46
Packard, A. S. Brunswick	35
" C., New Gloucester	34
Palmer, E. S., Foxcroft	42
Parker, C., South Sandford	46
" W., Belfast	45
Parkinson, R., Falmouth	34
Parsons, J., Limington	46
Partridge, S. H., Lebanon	46
Patten, W. A., York	46
Peabody, C., Biddeford	46
" J. Q., Fryeburg	44
Pearl C., Baldwin	34
Peart, J., Whitneyville	48
Perry, J. A., Blanchard	42
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" J. E., Kennebunk	46
Poor, D. J., Gorham	35
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Richardson, C. W., Northfield	48
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Roberts, J. G., Frankfort Mills	45
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Sawyer, John, Bangor	41
" R. M., Winthrop	38
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" David B., Robbinston	48
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Skeele, J. P., Bucksport	37
Skinner, A. L., Bucksport	37
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" C. B., Sweden	44
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Soule, C., Amherst	37
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" B., Sandy Point	45
" F., Holden	41
Stone, H. M., Gardiner	38
" S., Falmouth	35
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Thurston, D., Stockton	45
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" S., Weld	36
Tyler, A. H., Falmouth	34
Tufts, J. B., Bradford	42
Turner, David, New Vineyard	36
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Webb, E. B., Augusta	38
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Wilde, J., Brunswick	35
Willey, B. G., East Sumner	40
Wiswall, L., Windham	34
Woodhull, R., Bangor	41
Woods, L., Brunswick	35
Wright, J. E. M., Rockport,	45
Yeaton, F., New Gloucester	35

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With the fields of labor to which they were called by the churches, or by the Maine Missionary Society.

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BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee of the Conference appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, submit the following

REPORT.

Through the courtesy of the Trustees of the Seminary and its able Board of Instruction, every desirable facility was furnished your committee for becoming acquainted with its condition and wants.

We found the several departments of instruction filled by the same men as heretofore—they need no commendation from us. We only renew the testimony of other years. They are all *working* men, who understand their work, and do their work well.—Long may they continue at their posts of usefulness.

The examination at the close of the year, of the several classes was highly satisfactory, evidencing that our churches, who are looking to that school of the prophets for pastors and teachers, will find these men thoroughly trained for the sacred office.

The anniversary exercises of the graduating class, were listened to by a large and intelligent audience with much satisfaction. This class, but a few weeks before it left, numbered ten. In these few weeks, two of their number, just on the threshold of that work for which they had been many years preparing, were arrested by the hand of death; teaching, by a new lesson, that God's ways are not as our ways. These solemn providences of God gave an affecting interest to the occasion, giving new emphasis to the command, "Work while the day lasts."

More than ordinary interest was given to the anniversary exercises by the delivery, by Prof. Harris, of his inaugural address, in which he unfolded his views of that important department of sacred learning he so ably fills, giving large promise of future usefulness.

In the vacation that followed the anniversary, two members of the present senior class, while engaged in missionary work, were prostrated by fever of a somewhat malignant type, and died; others also were more or less affected by the same disease. From these sad events, however, no inference should be drawn unfavorable to the general health of the Seminary. For twenty years previous, no death had occurred in the Seminary, and but very few cases of sickness.

Of the eight members of the Seminary who completed their course during the year, one is laboring as a missionary in Oregon, one in Missouri, one is settled in Massachusetts, and five remain to labor for Christ and his church in Maine.

The whole number at present connected with the Seminary is forty—the same as the year previous. During the year, a General Catalogue of the Seminary has been published, from which it appears that the Alumni of the Seminary number three hundred and fifteen. Of these, thirty have died. Of the deceased Alumni, eighteen died while engaged in the ministry in Maine. Of the two hundred and eighty-five still living, one hundred and seven are laboring in our own State, most of them in the work of the ministry. The remainder are scattered all over the earth, some in Turkey, some in India, some in the Sandwich Islands and Micronesia, many are laboring as pastors or as missionaries in New England or the distant West. A careful examination of this Catalogue will satisfy any intelligent friend of Christ and his kingdom, that this Seminary is an indispensable agency in maintaining the institutions of religion within our own borders, and in enabling us to bear our part in the world's conversion to God. Such an examination will give convincing evidence of the wisdom and Christian judgment of its early founders, and will justify our churches in making still more liberal provision for increasing its means of usefulness.

Your committee learn that some progress has been made, during the year, towards completing the endowment of the Professorship filled by Prof. Harris. This work should be finished without delay.

No permanent provision has been made for defraying the contingent expenses of the Seminary. It is a matter of urgent necessity that this should be done.

We are happy to report that the Ladies of Maine have taken it in hand to provide the funds for the erection of a building to be used as a chapel, and to receive

the valuable library of the Seminary. Towards this object, about five thousand dollars have been already secured.

The persevering energy of those who are enlisted in this work, assure us that it will be done. About two hundred volumes have been added to the Library during the year, and three thousand dollars have been expended in building a house for the use of Prof. Harris.

As the Bangor Theological Seminary has become a fixed fact, as the churches have long since decided that it must be sustained, it would be impertinent seriously to argue that it will need, from time to time, money to keep it in the right position.

It has cost much, and will cost more ; but it has given us back far more than it has cost, and in a better currency. Christian economy demands that the Seminary should be unembarrassed in its working; for the maxim holds good here as in other things: "There is that witholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

In behalf of the Committee. S. TENNEY.

June 26, 1857.

TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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Rev. D. Talcott Smith, D.D., Professor of Sacred Literature,	1839
Rev. Samuel Harris, D.D., Professor of Systematic Theology,	1855

TREASURER AND GENERAL AGENT.

Charles W. Jenkins, Esq., of Bangor,	1857

Term commences twelve weeks from the Anniversary—which is now held on the last Wednesday in July.

The sum of *twelve thousand dollars* is needed to build a Chapel and Library Room for the Seminary. The Corban Society of Bangor, who first devised the plan of providing funds for this purpose, have already secured *five thousand dollars*, and they are endeavoring to procure the remainder.

Those who are disposed to aid in completing this much needed structure, can remit to either member of the Committee, at Bangor, viz:—Mrs. E. Pond, Mrs. James Crosby, Mrs. G. Shepard, Mrs. I. A. Hatch, or Mrs. E. F. Duren.

The Anniversary Exercises of this year are reported in the Maine Evangelist, Aug. 1, 8, and Christian Mirror, Aug. 4. Congregationalist, Aug. 7. Thirteen young men graduated. Dr. Pond's address to the class, published in Mirror, Aug. 11, Evangelist, Aug. 15.

REPORT OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AM. EDUCATION SOCIETY 1857.

As Secretary of the Maine Branch of the Am. Ed. Society, it devolves on me to make report ;—that is, a report of doings. The material, I think, would be more copious and available, were it a report of deficiencies. The list of failings to do, would far exceed the list of *actual* doings, or instances of giving. The number of the churches in the State that have contributed, the past year, to this cause, is 25. The number that have not contributed, 205. The amount contributed by these sources, is $608. The amount needed and actually used, is $2,300 00; some $1,400 00 being drawn from the parent Society, which shows, that our Auxiliaryship is somewhat of a back-handed affair ;—the help we render, that of a physician to his patient, in the way of depletion. The number of young men aided by the above named sum, is 40. The reason that so small a proportion of the churches have contributed to this object, probably, lies partly in the fact, that there has been no appliance of agencies; the whole matter has been left very much to the spontaneous action of the churches. The result seems to indicate, that our benevolence is in so stagnant and drowsy a mood, that she but rarely stirs, when not externally jogged;—the law of spontaneity only working where there is a high tone of beneficent sentiment; then, the disciples, like the Master, will go about doing good ;—and be ever *casting about* to do good. It must appear to any one who thoughtfully considers the facts in the case, that the Church has a duty to do in regard to raising up a ministry for herself and for the world;—and she must more earnestly enter upon it, and decisively act in it, or there will be ere long, a destitution, literally appalling. I go here neither into statistics nor prophetics: but assuming the prospective facts which all intelligent minds will concede.

I proceed to note two or three items of christian duty looking toward this most desired result—an increase of the number of competent Ministers. One is, that christian parents give their sons to this work, seeking for them the spiritual preparation; and desiring for them nothing higher or better than that they be good ministers of Jesus Christ.

2. That Pastors, officers of the churches and others, search out in the churches, suitable young men for the service; and when such present themselves, call them out, encourage them, and put them on the way to the service.

3. That young men, members of the church, and who, as such, have taken the oath of allegiance to Christ, who have known somewhat the greatness of his love, and the royal nature of his service; who have been brought on in the Educational course toward the threshold of the ministry, that such stand true to their purpose; to their allegiance to the Master,—withstand the enticements of worldly advantage, coming to them from the other and more prolific quarters; and not fail to give themselves to this good work.

4. That the *Churches* help those young men who need help, in their struggles toward the Ministry. Many do need help, and they are worthy of it. Most of the young men, God calls in this direction by the converting power of his Spirit, are poor, and they cannot of themselves, without peril to health and constitution, wholly sustain themselves while equipping themselves for this service. It is true, at once, that the *poor preach* the gospel, and they preach to the poor, for a small return,—a very meagre support. This the rule—such the work, and the pay; and they should be helped in getting ready for such a work, especially as they cannot get ready without help. This Society, is the medium through which help may flow to them. This is the *only* medium; the only existing system. There may be something better invented; but, as yet, there is nothing better. This is good—it has been tested. It has furnished one half of the present ministry of this State. Also about one half of all the preachers who have gone to the heathen. This Society does good, I believe, with as little loss or waste, through misappropriation, as any other medium of our beneficence.

Will not the churches of this State begin to do better than they have done, in the way of sustaining our Education Society. If any have doubts about this cause, then look into it. And if any will look into it candidly, they will pretty likely be satisfied. Let some time for contributing be fixed by each church, the opportunity be furnished, that the gifts of all willing minds may be deposited : only let the churches do—each what it easily can, then the needed amount is made up. We are no longer dependent; we have attained to the respectability of taking care of ourselves.

GEORGE SHEPARD.

BATH, JUNE, 1857.

Notices in the "Annals of the American Pulpit, by Rev. WM. B. SPRAGUE, *D. D.,*
(2 vols., New York, 1857,) of the following Ministers of Maine:

Rev. Thomas Smith, of Portland, 1725, Died May 23, 1795, aged 94. VOL 1, page 326.

Rev. Samuel Deane, of Portland, 1764. Died Nov. 12, 1814. aged 73. *Note* 327.

Rev. Moses Hemmenway, D. D., of Wells, 1757. Died April 5, 1811, aged 76. Funeral sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Buckminster, of Portsmouth, 2 Kings, 2: 12. Page 541—Brief Notice by S. in New York Independent, July 30, 1857.

Rev. Jonathan Calef. Bloomfield, 1794—Lyman 1801 Died 1845. *Note* 544.

Rev. Edward Brooks, of North Yarmouth, 1764, Died 1781. *Note* 558.

Rev. Samuel Eaton, of Harpswell, 1764. Died Nov. 5, 1822, aged 85. Page 612.

Rev. Elisha Eaton, of Harpswell, 1753. Died April 22, 1764, aged 55. *Note* 613.

Rev. Winthrop Bailey, of Brunswick, 1810. Died March 16, 1835, aged 51.—*Note* 617.

Rev. Jonathan Scott, of Minot, 1796. Died Oct. 1819, aged 75. *Note* 617.

Rev. Elijah Kellogg, of Portland, 1788. Died 1842. *Note* 722.

Rev. Moses Dow, of York, 1815. Died 1837, aged 66. VOL. 2, *Note*, page 32.

Rev. Nathaniel Porter, D. D., of Fryeburg, 1814. Died Nov. 11, 1837, aged 92. *Note* 53.

Rev. Nathaniel Hill Fletcher, of Kennebunk, 1800. Died Sept. 4, 1834. *Note* 99.

Rev. Isaac Lyman, of York, 1749. Died 1810. *Note* 113.

Rev. Benj. White, of Wells, 1811. Died March 23, 1814, aged 33. *Note* 145.

Rev. Joseph Brown, Pastor at Shapleigh, 1796; Alfred 1805; Deer Isle, 1809. Died Sept. 1819. *Note* 211.

Rev. Joseph McKeen, D. D., First President of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, 1802. Died July 15, 1807, aged 50. Page 216.

Rev. Daniel Merrill, of Sedgwick, 1793. Died 1833. *Note* 225.

Rev. Jonathan Fisher, of Bluehill, 1794. Died Sept. 22, 1847, aged 79. Sermon at funeral, by Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport. Page 344. Sketch of Rev. J. F., by S., of Bangor, published in New York Independent, Oct. 2, 1856.

Rev. Peter Powers, died at Deer Isle, May 24, 1799. *Note* 346.

Rev. Marshfield Steele, of Machias, 1800. Died 1837, aged 60. *Note* 347.

Rev. Thos. Jewett Murdock, of Portland, Chapel Church, 1819. Died 1827.—*Note* 356.

Rev. Abijah Wines, of Deer Island, 1818. Died Feb. 11, 1833, aged 67. Funeral sermon by Rev Stephen Farley, of Amesbury, Mass.. Page 373.

Rev. Eliphalet Gillett, D. D., of Hallowell, 1795. Died Oct. 19, 1848, aged 80.—Sec'y Maine Missionary Society from 1807. Page 377.

Rev. Hugh Wallis, of Bath, 1795. Died 1848. *Note* 379.

Rev. Jesse Appleton, D. D., Second President of Bowdoin College, 1807. Died Nov. 12, 1819, aged 47. Sermon at funeral by Rev. B. Tappan, of Augusta. 1 Cor., 15 : 41. Page 380.

Rev. Reuben Nason, of Freeport, 1810. Died Jan. 15, 1835, aged 56. *Note* 383.

Rev. John Smith, D. D., Prof. in Theo. Seminary, Bangor, 1819. Died April 7, 1831, aged 65. Page 389.

Rev. John Thompson, of Standish, 1768; Berwick, 1783. Died Jan. 1829, aged 19. *Note* 415.

Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Chesterville. Died Oct. 8, 1850, aged 90 Funeral sermon by Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington. Page 430. Brief Notice by S., in New York Independent, July 30, 1857.

Rev. Ezekiel Emerson, of Georgetown, 1763. Died Nov. 9, 1815, aged 80. *Note* 431.

Rev. Clark Brown, of Machias, 1795. Died 1813. *Note* 485.

Rev. Edward Payson, D. D., of Portland, 1807. Died Oct. 22, 1827, aged 44. Sermon at funeral preached by Rev. Charles Jenkins, of Portland. 2 Timo. 4: 6—8. Page 503.

Rev. Charles Jenkins, of Portland, 1825. Died Dec. 29, 1831, aged 45. *Note* 507.

Rev. Francis Brown, D. D., of North Yarmouth, 1810. Died July 27, 1820, aged 36. Page 516.

Rev. Tristram Gilman, of North Yarmouth, 1769. Died April 1, 1809, aged 74. *Note* 519.

Rev. Harvey Loomis, of Bangor, 1811. Died Jan. 1, 1835, in his pulpit, aged 40. Page 555. Sketch by S., of Rev. H. L., in New York Independent, July 17, 1856.

Rev. Samuel Munson, of New Sharon, died by hand of savage violence, among the Battas, in Sumatra, April 28, 1834, aged 30. Page 747.

Rev. Wm. Bradford Homer, of South Berwick, 1840. Died March 22. 1841, aged 24. Sermon at funeral by Prof. Edwards, of Andover. 1 Cor., 15: 53.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.

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Commencement Exercises in Bowdoin College, 1857, reported in Ch. Mirror, Aug. 11; Me. Evangelist, Aug. 15.

At Bath, on Monday evening, June 22, previous to the opening session of the General Conference of Maine, religious services were held in the Central Church, as follows: —

Voluntary on the Organ, and Music by the Choir,
"Hark the Herald Angels sing,—(*Mozart.*)

Reading the Scriptures and Prayer by Rev. S. L. Hobbs, of the Choctaw Mission.

Singing Psalm 95, 1st Pt. Ch. Psalmody. "Oh come, loud anthems let us sing."

Sermon by Rev. Henry D. Moore, of Portland, 1 Tim. 3: 15,—"The CHURCH of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Singing by the Choir. "Rock of ages,"—(*Mendelsshon.*)

Prayer and Benediction, by the Preacher.

On Tuesday morning, a prayer meeting was held at a quarter before six o'clock, conducted by the Pastor of the Church, Rev. E. Whittlesey.

Remarks and prayer by Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta, who gave some account of the revival in Vassalboro and Sidney,—Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington. Rev. R. W. Emerson of Munson, and Rev. E. Robinson of the Methodist Church, Bath.

The Congregational Year Book for 1857, states, that in one-half of the Congregational churches in the U. States, there have been 6477 persons added on profession of their faith, the past year.

"The net increase in most of the States has been very encouraging. In some of the older States, from which the tide of emigration is on the flood, the removals have exceeded the additions."

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE;

June of each year.	Place of Meeting.	Moderator.	Corresponding Sec'y.	Recording Secretary.
1826	Minot,	Rev. Benj Tappan,	Rev. Seneca White,	Rev. Allen Greeley,
1827	Hallowell,	"	Rev. Asa Cummings,	"
1828	Gorham,	"	"	Rev. Thos. Adams,
1829	Waldoboro,	"	Rev. C. Marsh.	Rev. A. Greeley,
1830	Winthrop,	Rev. David Thurston	Rev. Asa Cummings,	Rev. Chas Jenkins,
1831	Fryeburg,	"	"	Rev. D. M. Mitchell,
1832	Wiscasset,	"	"	"
1833	Portland, 3d ch.,	Rev. B. Tyler, D. D,	Rev. Chas. Freeman,	Rev. B. Tappan,
1834	Bath, North ch.,	Rev. Samuel Johnson	"	"
1835	Bangor, Hamm'd St.,	"	"	"
1836	Augusta,	"	"	Rev. David Shepley,
1837	Yarmouth, 1st ch.,	Rev. J. W. Ellingwood	"	"
1838	Saco,	"	"	"
1839	Brunswick,	"	"	"
1840	Hallowell,	Rev. S. L. Pomroy,	"	"
1841	Machias,	"	"	Rev. Geo. E Adams,
1842	Portland, 2d ch.,	"	"	Rev. D. Shepley,
1843	Bangor, 1st ch.,	Rev. Geo. E. Adams,	"	"
1844	Bath, South ch.,	"	"	Rev. E. F. Cutter,
1845	Fryeburg,	"	Rev. J. W. Chickering	"
1846	Augusta,	Rev. Steph. Thurston	"	"
1847	Portland, High St.,	"	"	"
1848	Bangor, Hamm'd St.,	"	"	"
1849	Bath, Winter St.,	Rev. Ray Palmer,	"	Rev. S. H. Hayes,
1850	South Berwick,	"	"	"
1851	Yarmouth,	Rev. R. Woodhull,	Rev. S. H. Hayes,	Rev. E. F. Cutter,
1852	Searsport,	Rev. David Shepley,	"	Rev. S. C. Fessenden
1853	Saco,	"	"	"
1854	Bangor, Central ch,	"	"	"
1855	Portland, 3d ch.,	Rev. Wooster Parker	"	Dea. E. F. Duren,
1856	Calais,	"	"	"
1857	Bath, Central ch.,	"	"	"

At the organization of the General Conference in Portland, January 10, 1826, Rev. Charles Freeman, of Limerick, preached from 1 Cor. 12: 27.

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SUMMARY, FROM 1826 TO 1857.

June of each year.	*Preacher.	Conferen'e	Churches.	Ministers.†	Admiss.		Removals.			Total of Members	Non-Residents	Baptisms.	No. in Sab. School.	Total of Donations.
					Prof.	Letter.	Deaths.	Dismis.	Exc.					
1826	B. Tappan, 2 Chron. 15: 2.													
1827	Thad. Pomeroy, 2 Cor. 6: 10.													
1828	David Thurston, Ps. 45: 16.	8	130	78	837	72	103	112	15	7685		925		
1829	Fifield Holt, Dan. 9: 25.	8	145	93	‖					9118				
1830	Wm. Allen, John 17: 17.	9	157	104	617	119	132	129	25	9161		709		
1831	J. W. Ellingwood, Rev. 2: 7.	9	166	106	‖					9919				
1832	B. Tappan, Amos 2: 7.	9	172	111	2166	190	152	209	24	12112		1497		
1833	Carlton Hurd, 2 Thess. 3: 16.	9	176	119	950	176	169	185	32	12370				
1834	Caleb Hobart, 2 Cor. 10: 4.	9	180	140	598	233	235	373	38	13019		737		
1835	Josiah Peet, Ps. 51: 13.	9	181	143	916	274	208	274	34	13900		644		
1836	D. M. Mitchell, Matt. 6: 10.	10	188	143	464	214	121	236	22	13934		191		
1837	S. L. Pomeroy, 1 John 4: 8.	10	189	142	531	351	168	316	48	14250		619		
1838	Silas McKeen, Rom. 5: 11.	10	192	146	950	329	191	364	43	14902		830		
1839	Enoch Pond, D.D., Mar. 14.72	11	197	144	986	249	201	243	43	15607		815		
1840	D. Shepley, 1 Cor. 9: 27.	11	201	142	1098	283	169	302	51	16308		575		
1841	Isaac Rogers, Rev. 5: 9.	11	203	141	1345	250	162	232	49	17338		965		
1842	Robert Crossett, Phil. 1: 21.	12	207	138	821	213	256	291	34	17770		659		
1843	S. Tenney, Eph. 4: 14, 15.	12	208	167	1059	289	231	331	43	18540		566		
1844	S. L. Pomroy, Ps. 133.	12	211	167	354	241	233	272	40	18447		283		
1845	Ray Palmer, Gal. 2: 20.	13	213	173	152	197	228	240	72	18007		388		
1846	Nath'l Chapman, Eph. 4: 1-3	13	215	174	152	208	227	266	38	17732		247		
1847	E. F. Cutter, Acts 9: 6.	13	218	181	142	241	261	279	42	17504		348		
1848	Wooster Parker, Ps. 145: 11.	14	222	188	225	228	240	271	33	17192		320		
1849	R. Woodhull, 2 Kings 6: 16.	14	223	186	285	265	255	308	38	16981		355		
1850	James Drummond, 121: 1.	14	220	178	406	243	226	274	50	16826		351		
1851	Joseph Loring, Col. 1: 15.	14	225	187	483	224	223	182	36	16986		345		
1852	John Maltby, Phil. 2: 16.	14	227	176	366	219	289	296	44	16896	1418	376	12606	21432
1853	J. J. Carruthers, D.D., Rom. 14:7	14	231	190	708	249	234	292	37	17278	1607	465	16218	32374
1854	Elijah Kellogg, Sol. Song. 4:16.	14	230	193	293	132	118	154	24	16889	2339	318	17169	23411
1855	Geo. Shepard, D.D., John 1: 14.	14	235	209	630	329	370	362	29	16937	2526	504	18535	36718
1856	J. R. Munsell, John 15: 19.	14	237	203	587	242	295	353	31	16786	2743	482	18286	30618
1857	S. Harris, D. D., 2 Tim. 4: 6, 7, 8	14	239	209	461	246	268	302	23	16765	2487	468	18912	30107

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Total Admissions, 25,018; Removals, 14,531; Baptisms, 14,865; Donations, $174,660.

‖ Increase in 1829, 1433; and in 1831, 902; which, added to 25,018, is 27,353.

*** Of the Annual Conference Sermon.**

† Includes Pastors, s. s., and clergymen without pastoral charge.

A New Biographical Notice, or Familiar Recollections of Rev. CHARLES FREEMAN, for 34 years Pastor of the Congregational Church, Limerick, was published in Christian Mirror, May 12, 1857, and Maine Evangelist, July 18, 1857. By C. D. Incidents connected with his ordination, Mirror, May 26, 1857. By A—A. Rev. C. F. died Sept. 19, 1853, aged 59.

Reminiscences by S., in the New York Independent, July 9, 1857, of Rev. Jonathan Scott, of Minot, died Oct. 1819. Rev. Fifield Holt, of Bloomfield, died Nov 1830. Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Saco, died Nov. 16, 1836, and Rev. Josiah Peet, of Norridgewock, died Feb. 16, 1852. Of the latter, a Biography was published, in one vol. octavo.

Sketch of the life of Rev. Henry True, in Maine Evangelist, August 1, 1857.—Ordained Pastor of Con. Church, Union, Sept. 24, 1806—dismissed 1821, and died at Union, April 17, 1857, aged 87.

The Fiftieth anniversary of the Rev. D. Thurston's ordination was observed Feb. 18, 1857, at Winthrop, where he held the office of pastor from 1807 to 1851. Added to the church during his pastorate, 327.

Report of Father Sawyer's remarks at the semi-centennial anniversary of the Maine Miss'y Society at Bath, in Maine Evangelist, Aug. 22.

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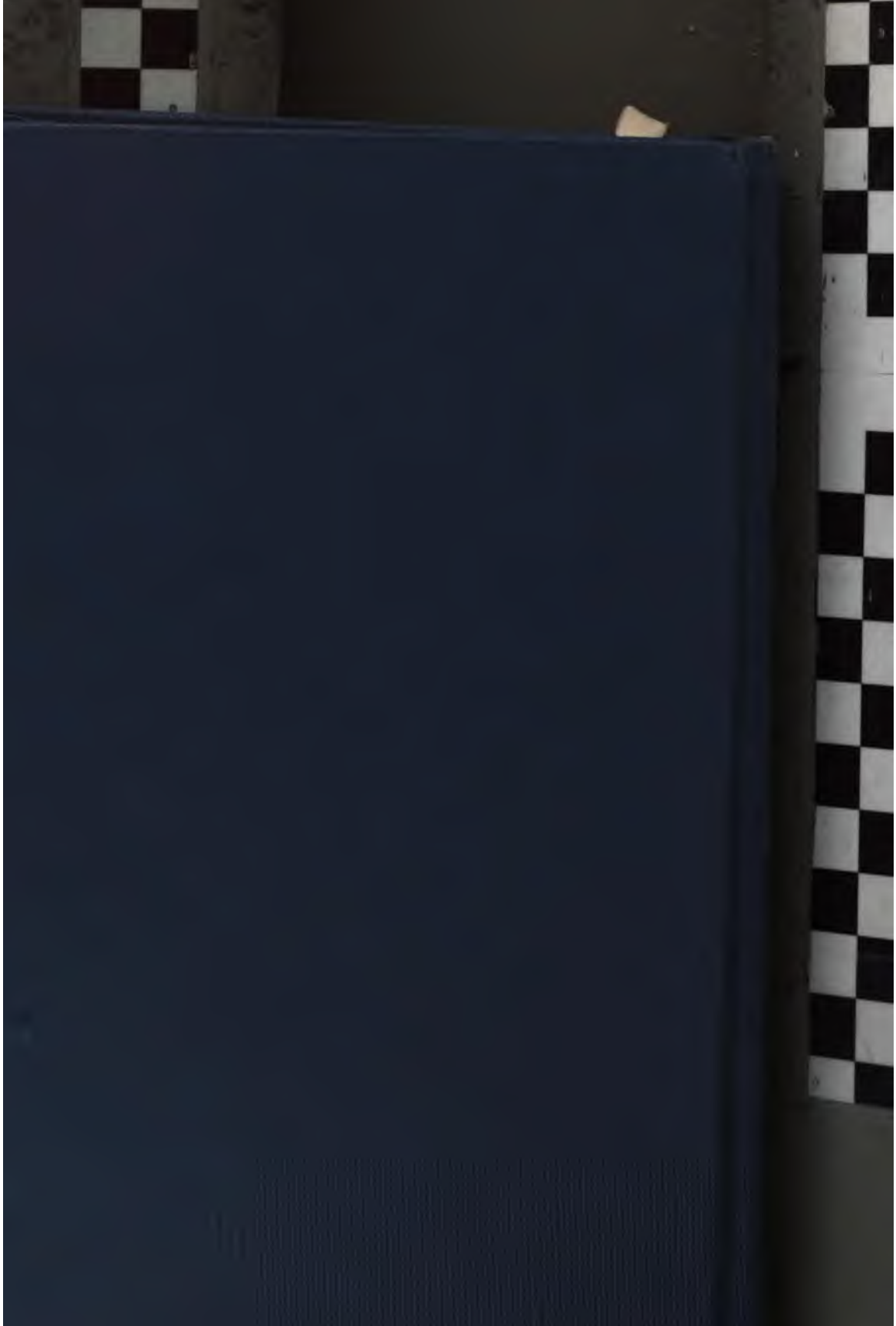
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